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**TRIBUTE TO SERVICE** - This 35-foot Green Spruce Christmas Tree at Generals Park, corner of Dunford Drive and McConville Way, is decorated with colorful lights and yellow ribbons bearing the names of Quincy men and women serving in the U.S. military.

The tree was donated by Brenda and Gary Hansen of Hamilton Avenue. The 75-year-old, 4,000-pound tree was removed from the Hansens' yard and trucked to the park where it now stands as a bright beacon for the holidays. More photos on Pages 34-36. *Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*



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# 12 Strategies For Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain

## Practical Fitness With Wayne L. Westcott

By WAYNE WESTCOTT

It is reported that the average American adds approximately 5 pounds of body weight during the month of December, then spends the next several weeks trying to lose as much of the excess weight as possible.

Unfortunately, many people are unsuccessful in their weight reduction efforts, and regret gaining the extra holiday weight in the first place. Most would agree that it is better to prevent unwanted weight gain than to try to remedy the situation later.

How can we more effectively approach the family dinners and abundant food supplies so prevalent throughout this month? Here are a few suggestions for sensible eating and exercise over the Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Holidays.

### Twelve Strategies for Avoiding Holiday Weight Gain

**1. The first suggestion, which should be followed year round, is to drink water frequently throughout the day.** Our bodies consist mostly of water, and it is unquestionably our most essential nutrient. Drinking cold water serves as a mild appetite suppressant and burns calories as it warms to body temperature. Con-

sider taking a small drink whenever you pass a water cooler, or keeping an insulated water bottle nearby and drinking from it at regular intervals.

**2. The second suggestion is to eat low-calorie fruit and vegetable snacks rather than high-calorie snacks/foods such as donuts, muffins, pastries, sandwiches, pizza slices, fast-foods, or vending machine selections.** Although apples, oranges, pears, carrot sticks, celery sticks, pepper slices, and cherry tomatoes may not be your first choice, they can be highly satisfying and prevent the calorie overload that might otherwise occur with standard snack foods and large holiday meals.

**3. The third strategy is to eat high fiber foods, such as vegetables and whole grains, to aid gastrointestinal transit processes.** Also, dried fruit, such as prunes and figs, are better choices than typical high-sugar foods for satisfying sweet cravings, as these have relatively high fiber levels, nutritional value, and very low fat content. Abundant in the holiday season, dried fruit presents an excellent alternative to less healthy and more fattening foods such as cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, and

candy. Just don't eat too much dried fruit as the low water content results in considerably more calories than a similar amount of fresh fruit.

**4. The fourth strategy is to eat less food for lunch on days that you have dinner events.** While you don't want to reach dinner-time semi-starved, it makes sense to eat somewhat less food for your noon meal when you are very likely to eat somewhat more food for your evening meal.

**5. The fifth recommendation is to make wise decisions in your food selections, especially at dinner events.** Don't be afraid to be different. Whenever possible, choose less fattening entrees, such as broiled fish or baked chicken; select healthier soups and salads with lighter dressings; consume butter and cheese sparingly; and try to avoid gravies, sauces, and processed foods.

**6. The sixth recommendation is to say "no" to dessert sampling.** Many holiday dinners come with a variety of delicious desserts, and you may be tempted to sample several of them, even if just to please the people who made them. Be polite, but adamant. Simply say that all of the desserts look superb, but you have vowed

to forgo deserts to prevent calorie overload and the resultant weight gain (or to eat no more than one dessert per day to avoid too much of a good thing). Most of your friends will understand and many may even follow your excellent example.

**7. The seventh suggestion is to exit food-laden events at a reasonable hour.** In addition to sleep deprivation that runs rampant during the holidays season, staying longer at gatherings usually leads to greater food consumption and extra calories. Participate fully in the festivities, but be one of the first to call it a night for your health's sake.

**8. The eighth suggestion is to avoid or at least limit alcohol consumption.** With all of the other high-calorie foods typically eaten during the winter months, alcoholic beverages can only make matters worse. Keep in mind that alcohol contains almost as many calories per gram as fat, so the fewer alcoholic drinks the better from a weight gain perspective.

**9. The ninth strategy is to do some daily aerobic activity to condition your cardiovascular system and to burn extra calories.** For example, a 30-minute walk requires about 200 calories depending on your body-weight and walking pace.

**10. The tenth strategy is to do at least 2 ses-**

sions of resistance exercise each week to condition your muscular system and to increase your metabolic rate, resulting in more calories burned throughout the day. Although 30 minutes of circuit style strength training also uses about 200 calories, this activity has the additional benefit of an accelerated metabolism. In a classic Tufts University study, a basic and brief strength training program produced a 7-percent increase in resting metabolic rate and a 15-percent increase in daily calorie requirements.

**11. The eleventh recommendation is to find a family member, friend, or co-worker who will agree to help you implement a healthy eating and exercising program for avoiding holiday weight gain.** Your helper in this preventive strategy should be someone who not only talks the talk, but also walks the walk. Ideally, this individual should be both an encourager and an example, and (if possible) an exercise partner.

**12. The twelfth recommendation for holiday season survival is related to human survival.** While it is tempting to say that the holidays come once a year, and to rationalize that you can lose the extra weight through your 2021 New Year resolutions, the reality is a more serious health problem. Most people don't lose all the extra holiday weight, which is one reason



WAYNE WESTCOTT

more than 35 percent of all Americans are overweight and another 35 percent are obese.

Because overweight individuals are more susceptible to many physical problems, including low back pain, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and some types of cancer, we should take preventive measures during the holiday season. So, please consider a sensible approach to eating and exercising from now to January, and continuing throughout the New Year.

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# Average Residential Tax Bill Up \$229

*Residential Tax Rate \$11.98;  
Average Home Value \$543,400;  
Average Tax Bill Rises To \$6,510*

By **SCOTT JACKSON**  
Quincy's residential and commercial tax rates will decrease again in the new year, but the average owner of a single-family will see their tax bill increase by

\$229 as home values continue to rise.

City councillors on Monday approved a series of measures, introduced by Mayor Thomas Koch, that

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## Wreaths Across America Day Saturday At Mount Wollaston

Volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of thousands of veterans interred in the city's cemeteries this Saturday as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

The day will begin with a ceremony at noon inside Mount Wollaston Cemetery, followed by the placement of the wreaths.

"All are welcome and

encouraged to attend," said Christine Cugini, the event's local coordinator.

"Join us for this event to remember the fallen, honor all who have served and teach the children the importance of freedom."

Volunteers who wish to place the wreaths at Pine Hill Cemetery are welcome to go directly there at noon Saturday.

## Early Deadline For Next Two Sun Issues

Because of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays, there will be an early news and advertising deadline for the next two issues of The Quincy Sun.

News, church, organizations and youth sports releases, retail and classified advertising and legal notices should be in The Sun office, 1372 Hancock St., Quincy, by 10 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) to assure publication in the Dec. 22nd issue.

The Sun will go to press Monday, Dec. 20 and be circulated Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Quincy Sun office

will be closed Friday, Dec. 24.

For the Dec. 29th edition, news, church, organizations and youth sports releases, retail and classified advertising and legal notices should be in The Sun office, 1372 Hancock St., Quincy, by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The Sun will go to press Monday, Dec. 27 and be circulated Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The Quincy Sun office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31.

For more information, call The Sun office at 617-471-3100.



**CORRECTION:** Because of a typographical error, the photo on Page 1 in the Dec. 9th issue of The Quincy Sun incorrectly stated the number of branches on a Chanukah Menorah. The menorah has 9 branches - not 7 as the caption stated. There are 9 branches - 8 candles for the 8 nights of Chanukah plus one more, the Shamash, that lights these 8 candles, one more each day. The Sun regrets the error and is printing another photo from the Menorah lighting ceremony. Here Mayor Thomas Koch holds an umbrella for Rabbi Dr. Alfred Benjamin as a light drizzle fell during the ceremony. Rabbi Benjamin, who was the keynote speaker at the ceremony, is the spiritual leader and religious teacher of Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills located in Milton. Chanukah is a Jewish festival that reaffirms the ideals of Judaism and commemorates in particular the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival.

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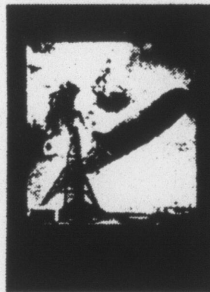
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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Dec. 30, 1803, Francis Lewis, signer of the Declaration of Independence, dies in New York City at age 90. Lewis' patriotism came at a high cost: The British army destroyed his Long Island estate and took his wife prisoner in 1776.
- On Jan. 1, 1863, farmer Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property in Nebraska. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible, and at least half the original claims were abandoned.
- On Dec. 27, 1944, during World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt gives orders to seize properties belonging to the Montgomery Ward company because it refused to comply with a labor collective bargaining agreement. Roosevelt said strikes in wartime cannot be condoned.
- On Dec. 29, 1956, the New York Times leaks news that the United States is preparing a major policy statement on the Middle East. The Eisenhower Doctrine would proclaim that the U.S. would use force in the Middle East to contain Soviet aggression.
- On Dec. 31, 1968, the Soviet Union's TU-144 supersonic airliner makes its first flight, months ahead of the Anglo-French Concorde. In 1965, the French had arrested Sergei Pavlov, head of the Paris office of the Soviet airliner Aeroflot, for illegally obtaining classified information about France's supersonic project.
- On Dec. 28, 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "literary investigation" of the police-state system in the Soviet Union, "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956," is published in Paris. On Feb. 12, 1974, Solzhenitsyn was arrested, stripped of his citizenship and deported.
- On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion could lead to its gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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This herb has many uses and traditions. When trimmed into the shape of a tiny Christmas tree and set in a festive pot, it is very popular as a holiday table decoration, or to give as a gift. Legends say that as Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with the infant Jesus, they sheltered next to this plant. When Mary was washing her linens and threw her blue cape on the bush to dry, its small white flowers turned to blue; thus it gained the name "rose of Mary," though the flowers are not roses but like those of mint, to which this herb is related. - Brenda Weaver  
Source: University of Vermont [ps.uvm.edu](http://ps.uvm.edu)

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**MORRISSETTE FOOD DRIVE** - The Cyril P. Morrisette American legion Post #294 recently conducted a food drive for Quincy families in need of extra supplies for the holidays. The drive took place at the post home on Liberty Street in Quincy and was well attended by much appreciated residents who were very grateful for the extra can goods and supplies during these difficult times. The Morrisette members and volunteers were pleased to support this food drive and were very helpful in preparing for this event. This was the first ever food drive for the post and they are looking forward to future events to helping families in the city anyway they can. The Morrisette would like to wish all the families in the city and worldwide a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Volunteers from left to right: Val McNally, Monique Rogan, Linda Donovan, Cheryl Brinkmann and Post Commander George Bouchard.

Courtesy Photo

## Average Residential Tax Bill Will Increase \$229 To \$6,510

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helped set the tax rates for 2022.

The new residential tax rate for next year is \$11.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value, down from \$12.14 this year. The new rate for commercial, industrial and personal property, also known as the CIPP rate, will decrease from \$24.22 to \$23.86.

Home values meanwhile continue to rise in Quincy. The average assessed value of a single-family home in the city is now \$543,400, according to city assessor Colleen Healy, up from \$517,300 last year, an increase of \$26,100 or about 5 percent.

As a result of the increase in property values, the tax bill for the average single-family homeowner in the city will increase by \$229 to \$6,510.

The total tax levy - the amount Quincy will collect in property taxes next year - is \$257.85 million, an increase of \$9.7 million or 3.92 percent over this year, Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff, told The Sun.

Two measures intro-

duced by Koch and passed unanimously by councillors will help keep tax bills from rising further, saving the average single-family homeowner more than \$110.

Councillors first cut \$3.13 million from the city's health care budget, which will save the average single-family homeowner \$78.97, according to Walker. Eric Mason, the city's director of municipal finance, said the city's health care premiums are down this year because elective surgeries are down.

Councillors then approved appropriating \$1.38 million in encumbrances from the prior fiscal year that ended on June 30 to the current fiscal year's budget. That move will save the average single-family homeowner \$34.88 on next year's tax bill, Walker said.

After those measures passed, councillors then voted on two other items directly related to the tax rate.

The first, approved unanimously, adopted a residential factor of 87.8684 for the new year.

The second, which passed in an 8-1 vote, determined the proportion of the

tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Councillor Anne Mahoney voted against the second measure. Mahoney questioned why the council was being asked to vote on the tax rates on Monday when the city planned to go to market for its pension obligation bond on Tuesday and the payment for the first year of the bond could be less than what had been anticipated when the budget was approved. She also questioned why the administration had not had free cash certified by the state; the city has used free cash in the past to help keep taxes down.

"We could be going up less on the tax rate," Mahoney said.

The council votes to set the residential factor and determine the proportion of the tax levy borne by each class of real and personal property mean the city will once more tax residential and commercial properties at different rates; the difference between the two rates will continue to be the largest allowed under state law.

Quincy has used a split rate since 1978, according to Healy.

Without a split rate, the tax rate for residential and commercial properties would each be \$13.63 per \$1,000 of assessed value, Healy said. That would mean a tax increase of \$1,125 for the average single-family homeowner, Mason stated.

The residential and commercial tax rates have decreased each year since

2014, when the residential rate was \$14.86 per \$1,000 of assessed value and the commercial rate was \$31.23.

During that same time span, the assessed value for the average single-family home in the city has risen from \$315,350 to \$543,400, an increase of \$228,050.

In her presentation, Healy noted the total assessed value of all property in Quincy now stands at \$18.91 billion - \$16.28 billion of which is from residential property.

The city will see \$383.96 million in new growth - an increase in assessed value because of new construction or physical improvements to a property - during the current fiscal year, Healy said, slightly more than the \$381.51 million in new growth seen during the prior fiscal year.

Projects completed this year include a 269-unit apartment building at 200 Quarry Hills Dr., an 80-unit apartment building at 1 Newport Ave., and a bank at 315 Hancock St. Partially completed projects include The Abby at the North Quincy MBTA station, a new self-storage facility at 480 Centre St., and a research and development building at 97 East Howard St.

The city will collect \$6.3 million in property taxes from the new growth, Healy said.

Property tax bills statewide will increase an average of \$250.74 next year, Walker stated. In Braintree, the tax bill for the average single-family home will increase \$414 and in Weymouth it will increase by \$352.

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# Scenes From Yesterday



THIS 1914 postcard is a view of Anne Hutchinson Square in Wollaston showing the foot of Grandview Avenue from the intersection of Newport Avenue and Beale Street. On the left is the historic Taylor Building - the site of many businesses over the years. This is a very busy intersection today and you wouldn't stand in the middle of the street as those on the left, nor would you walk alongside the bottom of the old granite wall

on the right. The old stone marker that is barely visible at the end of the sidewalk at the bottom of the hill has been moved across the street next to the fire station. It tells the story of Anne Hutchinson for whom the square was named. Because her religious beliefs were deemed heretical, she was banished from these lands in early Colonial times.

*From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection*

## Residents Invited To Virtual Public Engagement Opportunities On Housing Production

The City of Quincy, through an advisory committee, and in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), has begun the process of developing a new five-year Housing Production Plan (HPP).

HPPs are plans that help municipalities better understand local housing need and demand; development constraints and opportunities; and their vision for future development with a focus on affordable housing.

The first opportunities for public engagement include an online open house activity, which is open between now and January 3, and a webinar scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

The online open house is located at: [mapc.ma/housing-quincy-open-house-1](http://mapc.ma/housing-quincy-open-house-1). On average, it takes between 30 to 60 minutes to complete the activity, which includes slides with

charts, graphs, and multiple choice questions.

Additionally, the first public webinar for this plan will be held on December 16 at [mapc.ma/housing-quincy-webinar-1](http://mapc.ma/housing-quincy-webinar-1). The webinar will preview the existing conditions data and activities covered in the online open house, but it will also be an opportunity to meet the project team and directly ask questions about the plan's development.

Both the online open house and the webinar will provide residents with a chance to learn about existing housing conditions; weigh in on priorities for the plan; and share their vision for future housing development in Quincy.

For more information, individuals may contact Emma Battaglia, Senior Housing & Land Use Planner at MAPC ([ebattaglia@mapc.org](mailto:ebattaglia@mapc.org)) or Sherry Zou, Housing Programs Manager at the City of Quincy ([szou@quincyma.gov](mailto:szou@quincyma.gov)).

## New Restaurant To Open In Quincy Point

By SCOTT JACKSON

A new restaurant, offering pizza and Vietnamese items, is set to open in Quincy Point early next year.

The Board of License Commissioners on Dec. 7 unanimously approved the transfer of the all-alcoholic beverages licenses previously held by Maggy's Lounge to the new restaurant, which will be known as Ena's Bar & Lounge. Ena's was also granted common victualer and entertainment licenses at the meeting.

The new restaurant will take over the space formerly used by Maggy's at 607 Washington St. Its permitted hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Ena's Bar & Lounge will be a similar establishment as Maggy's, offering both food and entertainment, such as karaoke and live music, according to manager Jennifer Nguyen. The restaurant includes 2,000 square feet of space inside the build-

ing and a 1,500-square-foot patio; all entertainment will take place indoors.

"It will be inside, not outside," she told the board.

Ena's will offer pizza as Maggy's did before, Nguyen said. It will also serve Vietnamese items, such as spring rolls and salads featuring mango and shrimp.

The new restaurant could open in late February, according to Nguyen.

"[We] just have to clean up the place," she stated.

Nguyen told the board she has prior experience in

the service industry, having spent a year as a server and bartender at Boston's Bijou Nightclub.

## Thrift Shop Open Dec. 16, 17

The Mite Box Thrift Shop at St. Chrysostom's Church, corner of Hancock and Linden Streets, Quincy, will be open Thursday, Dec. 16 and Friday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After Dec. 17th, the shop will close for two weeks for the holidays and restocking for the new year.

Shoppers are asked to please wear a mask inside the shop.

## Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week  
1971  
50 Years Ago

## Hannon, Council Take Oath Jan. 3 At Vo-Tech Gym

Mayor-Elect Walter J. Hannon will be the first mayor in the city's history to take his oath of office outside of City Hall.

Hannon, Quincy's 24<sup>th</sup> chief executive since it was incorporated in 1888, will be sworn in Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Vocational-Technical School auditorium.

A special order of the city council recently declared the Voc-Tech gym as the legal site for council meetings and official proceedings.

Also to be sworn in is the new City Council, which includes newcomers Theophilus McLelland of Ward Three and William Delahunt of Ward Five along with former Ward Two Councillor Joseph J. LaRaia who will serve as a Councillor at-Large. (Editor's note: Mayor-elect Walter Hannon would not be the first mayor to be inaugurated outside City Hall. Mayor Thomas S. Burgin was sworn into office for a third term at Quincy High School auditorium on Jan. 3, 1939, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (golden) year of the city of Quincy. Attending the ceremony were five former mayors.)

### BROWNELL PROPOSALS INCLUDE CONSUMER PROTECTION PACKAGE

Rep. Thomas F. Brownell filed a number of proposals to strengthen consumer protection in the Commonwealth as part of his legislative package of 42 bills filed for consideration by the 1972 session of the legislature.

The major proposal would establish consumer protection divisions in the various district attorney's offices throughout the state. Rep. Brownell said: "This legislation is needed to bring the rapidly expanding field of consumer protection closer to the people."

Brownell also filed a bill requiring insurance companies to provide copies of medical information used by insurers to deny liability to policyholders in accident and health policies.

### QUINCYISMS

Richard Koch, Jr., starred as the "Ringmaster" in the Sacred Heart Youth Organizations "On With The Show." He was accompanied by Marie Willard and Maureen Kelly... The price of the Quincy Sun was ten cents a copy... **Veterans Services Director William L. Villone** was chairman of a drive to send 19 packages of food from city employees to Quincy servicemen in Southeast Asia. Serving with him on the committee were Veterans Service workers **Valerie Pepe, Rosemary Walsh and Ann Maggiori**... **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner**, 91 Faxon Lane, South Quincy, became parents of their first child, a son, born at Quincy City Hospital. Mrs. Turner was the former **Joanna Ricciutti**, daughter of **Public Works Commissioner** and **Mrs. James J. Ricciutti**... Quint's Greenhouse, established in 1919, announced the relocation of the business to 761 Southern Artery, Quincy, near Washington Street... **Mrs. Doris K. Caron**, who taught third grade at the Atherton Hough School for 28 years, was honored at a reception attended by over 250 people... A final Turkey-Rama to benefit the annual Houghs Neck Children's Christmas Party was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17 at the Houghs Neck American Legion Post #380 Home at 1116 Sea St. Committee members included **Stanley Bovill, commander; Robert Clarke, vice-commander; and D. Paul Shaw, past commander**... Granite Cooperative Bank with two offices in Quincy announced: "We pay an extra payment on your completed Christmas Clubs with our money"... **John McGowan**, age 4, **Robert Hedlund, Jr.**, age 10, **Kaarlo Maki**, age 5, and **Robert Bosworth**, age 7, along with their fathers, attended a father-son night at Rural Masonic Lodge, AF and AM... **Dana A. Caldarone**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Caldarone**, 295 Willard St., West Quincy, was a freshman at Brown University. Caldarone, a Quincy High School graduate, is a former Quincy Sun employee... Christmas Communion of the of the Salem Lutheran Church, Quincy, was scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. The church school program, "Sing! Jesus Christ Is Born!" by Hallett will be presented at 9 a.m. Readers would be **Peter Carlson and Carl Lofholm**... **Rev. Frank Parisi** was guest of honor at a recent retirement dinner. Rev. Parisi retired after 22 years as the pastor of the West Quincy Baptist Church. He was scheduled to become minister of visitation at the Wollaston Baptist Church when the two churches merge on Jan. 16... **Marine Pvt. Thomas W. Sullivan**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Sullivan**, 46 Marion St., Wollaston, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina. Sullivan was a 1971 graduate of North Quincy High School... **William O'Malley** of the Hancock Bank and Trust Company was named Quincy Community Treasurer for the 1972 March of Dimes campaign... The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists at their National Convention and Annual Meeting in Chicago elected **Allan R. Jaspon** of the Samoset Pharmacy in Merrymount to the Society's Board of Directors.

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# Helping Hands Stepping Up This Holiday Season

## What Local Charities Need, How Public Can Help

(Editor's note: This story on local charities seeking assistance for the holidays first appeared in the Nov. 24th issue of *The Quincy Sun*. It is being republished to again spread the word about local charities that may need additional help as the holidays approach.)

By SCOTT JACKSON

Local charities need your help this holiday season to provide assistance to the individuals and families they serve, as many in the community are still dealing with the impact of the pandemic.

Quincy's non-profits report they are serving more clients this year than they have in the past and to help meet the rising demand, those charities need additional assistance from those who can give.

Residents who can help can do so in myriad ways, such as giving food, toys, household supplies, money and gift cards. Charities are also in need of volunteers – not just in December, but year-round.

Below is a list of some of the local organizations making a difference this year and how the public can land them a hand.

### Father Bill's & MainSpring

Residents looking to help out Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) this year can visit [helpfbms.org/holidays](http://helpfbms.org/holidays) to find out the various ways to assist your neighbors in need.

The organization's top need is monetary donations to help cover the added costs created by the COVID-19 crisis.

To assist families in

need, FBMS is requesting gift cards in lieu of presents. Gift cards provide families with the most flexibility, plus they help FBMS preserve space. Gift cards can be provided in any denomination from any large stores, such as CVS, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Target and Walmart.

To donate high-need items to FBMS, visit [tinyurl.com/amazonfbms](http://tinyurl.com/amazonfbms) for a full list of items and to ship them directly to FBMS. This winter, shelter guests are in need of winter boots, thermals, sweatshirts and sweatpants (men's & women's brands, sizes S, M, L & XL).

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: Father Bill's & MainSpring, 430 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301. Donations are processed in Brockton, then distributed to our Quincy shelter.

During the COVID-19 crisis, FBMS is in need of prepared meals for guests of Father Bill's Place and the satellite shelter in Quincy. For more info, contact Mary Ann Mendes at 508-427-6448 ext. 2289 or email [volunteer@helpfbms.org](mailto:volunteer@helpfbms.org).

Father Bill's & MainSpring serves more than 5,000 households annually, including more than 900 individuals at Father Bill's Place in Quincy. The agency also operates more than 600 permanent supportive housing units across Southern Massachusetts, including more than 300 units in the Quincy area alone.

### Quincy Community Action Programs

Quincy Community Action Programs is seeing

food insecurity among local families remain high for the second holiday season since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic's impact on food insecurity has exacerbated the needs of existing Food Center clients and has resulted in an increase of first-time clients.

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, QCAP's Southwest Community Food Center has distributed 1.2 million meals. At the height of the pandemic, the Food Center saw a 40 percent increase in new families using the food pantry for the first time and an overall 25 percent increase in services. This year, the SWCFCC continues to see a 25% increase in clients from the pre-pandemic year.

The holidays will put a strain on low-income families that have been the hardest hit by the economic downturn caused by COVID-19.

"The Southwest Community Food Center, located at 1 Copeland St., is here to help, by providing holiday assistance through the distribution of holiday meals and gifts during the holiday season," said Kristin Schlapp, QCAP's chief operating officer.

QCAP provided 600 full Thanksgiving dinners this year and expects to distribute an additional 600 holiday food orders, including hams, during December.

Suggested holiday donations include frozen turkeys and other holiday meal essentials, including cranberry jelly, turkey gravy, canned pie ingredients, and cooking oil and spices. Food dona-

tions to QCAP's food center help to fill gaps caused by an increased need over the last eighteen months, and they help supply the pantry with items that are more difficult to find.

In addition to holiday meals, QCAP will also be providing at least 800 children with gifts this holiday season. These children include those enrolled at QCAP's food center and children who attend QCAP's Head Start Program. QCAP is accepting gift donations through an Amazon and Target gift registry that can be found at [qcap.org/food](http://qcap.org/food).

Schlapp said there is an ongoing need at the food center for donations of non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, soap, and toothpaste and toothbrushes. QCAP also encourages monetary donations at this time of year and can stretch every dollar donated to the food center to have the biggest impact on clients who are struggling with hunger.

"While the pandemic is easing for some, recovery has been slow for many in the low-income community. Families continue to make hard decisions about whether to pay their rent, their heating costs, or put food on their tables. A donation to QCAP helps us ensure that households get healthy, nutritious food that keeps their families going."

The food center is accessible to clients and donors five days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on Wednesdays when it is open from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate working families. For more information on the services the food center provides or donations needed, please call 617-471-0796.

QCAP also provides heating assistance to residents in Quincy, Braintree, Milton, and Weymouth. Heating assistance can help significantly reduce monthly bills, even if heat is included in the rent. For more information on this, please call 617-657-5301 or visit [qcap.org/energy](http://qcap.org/energy).

Rental assistance is also available through QCAP's housing program. QCAP has helped families avoid eviction through rental assistance funding since the start of the pandemic. For more information on eligibility, please call 617-657-5376 or visit [qcap.org/housing](http://qcap.org/housing).

QCAP is an essential service provider serving more than 28,000 unduplicated individuals each year and addressing the urgent

and growing needs resulting from COVID-19 that have hit the low-income community the hardest, said Schlapp.

"We would not be able to do the work we do during these challenging times without the support of a caring community, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, volunteers, and donors," she said.

### DOVE

The annual holiday assistance program at DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended) is underway. Because of the pandemic, the families DOVE serves need help now more than ever.

Keeping the pandemic and the safety of its donors, staff, and clients in mind, DOVE is asking donors to consider purchasing gift cards for their DOVE families. This will allow DOVE to receive and pass on your package directly through the mail. The families will then be able to use those cards to provide themselves and their children holiday gifts. I think we can all agree, 2021 needs a little more cheer!

To participate, email [dove.elfteam@gmail.com](mailto:dove.elfteam@gmail.com).

DOVE will provide a list of options where donors can choose to support a specific family, donate general goods to the shelter or help support its much needed general gift-card drive to support families through the holidays and beyond.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to support DOVE's work, or the holiday assistance program, see DOVE's website, [dove-ma.org](http://dove-ma.org), or email [development@dovema.org](mailto:development@dovema.org).

### South Shore YMCA

The South Shore YMCA's Holiday Assistance Program provides toys, meals and clothing to hundreds of families each year. The program gives much more than just material possessions for a holiday celebration – it brings a sense of belonging that creates an inner-springboard of self-confidence and a desire to give back.

If you are looking to help, the Y has three options to do so.

Residents can make the holidays brighter for neighbors by adopting a local family and donating the items on their holiday list. To adopt a family this holiday season, contact Kathy Quigley at 857-891-0378 or [kquigley@ssymca.org](mailto:kquigley@ssymca.org).

Residents can also purchase an item or two from the YMCA's general wish list. To do so, visit [ssymca.org/holidayhelp](http://ssymca.org/holidayhelp) for a list of needed items or grab an ornament from the Giving Tree in either the Quincy or

Emilson (Hanover) YMCAs and drop off unwrapped presents by Dec. 16. Donations may be dropped off at the Germantown Neighborhood Center, 366 Palmer St. in Quincy; the Quincy YMCA at 79 Coddington St.; and the Emilson YMCA, 75 Mill St., Hanover.

Residents may also make monetary donations directly to the YMCA online at [ssymca.org/give](http://ssymca.org/give).

For more information, please contact the YMCA at [holiday@ssymca.org](mailto:holiday@ssymca.org).

### Interfaith Social Services

Interfaith Social Services provided meals to 1,600 households this Thanksgiving and will distribute 4,000 gifts this holiday season, according to executive director Rick Doane. Since the pandemic began, the organization has seen a substantial increase in the number of local residents reaching out for help.

Interfaith operates one of the largest emergency food programs in Greater Boston. Each year their food pantry assists more than 30,000 clients in Quincy and across the South Shore. In addition, Interfaith operates a mental health counseling center, homelessness prevention program and the Bureau Drawer Thrift Shop.

The organization's food pantry serves thousands of local residents each month, said Doane, and Interfaith is always in need of nonperishable food for its clients. Monetary donations for food are also appreciated, as the organization has greater spending power at places such as the Food Bank. With a \$5 donation, they can purchase the equivalent of 25 meals.

In addition, Interfaith is in need of diapers. Doane noted Interfaith is one of the few diaper banks in the state and there is no federal assistance program that covers diaper purchases. The highest demand is for diaper sizes 4, 5 and 6, and unscented baby wipes. Children stay in those sizes the longest time, from roughly ages 1.5 to 3, Doane said.

Many of Interfaith's clients also request personal care items, such as pads and tampons, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, unscented soap and deodorant.

Donations can be dropped off at Interfaith's building at 105 Adams St. in Quincy Center. Items can also be purchased through Amazon and shipped directly there.

Interfaith relies on volunteers year-round. Doane said the organization is looking for residents who can make a commitment to volunteer for three hours each week

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### 46 Quincy Students On B.C. High Honor Roll

Forty-six students from Quincy have been named to the first quarter honor roll at Boston College High School. They are:

The following students have been named to the First Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

Damian Brown, High Honors (Class of 2022); Ivan Chiu, High Honors (Class of 2022); Ryan Dear, High Honors (Class of 2022); Finn Henry, High Honors (Class of 2022); Aaron Huang, High Honors (Class of 2022); Andrew Johnson, High Honors (Class of 2022); Christian Kelley, High Honors (Class of 2022); Michael Loughnane, High Honors (Class of 2022).

Quinlan Perry, High Honors (Class of 2022); Justin Pham, High Honors (Class of 2022); Dylan Rizzo, High Honors (Class of 2022); Seamus Stirling, High Honors (Class of 2022); Juan Michael Barroso, High Honors (Class of 2023); Nathaniel McMillen, High Honors (Class of 2023); Anthony Nguyen, High Honors (Class of 2023); Hugh Scott, High Honors (Class of 2023); Enzo Vallee, High Honors (Class of 2023).

Quinten Van Dam, High Honors (Class of 2023); Kevin Cai, High Honors (Class of 2024); Aidan Cullinane, High Honors (Class of 2024); Devin Dear, High Honors (Class of 2024); Charles Donovan, High Honors (Class of 2024); Matthew Farrell, High Honors (Class of 2024); Aaron Fernandes, High Honors (Class of 2024); Luke Leung, High Honors (Class of 2024); Alexander Yun, High Honors (Class of 2024); Ryan Gomes, High Honors (Class of 2025).

Luca Marinilli, High Honors (Class of 2025); Lucas Silaj, High Honors (Class of 2025); Matis Xhelepi, High Honors (Class of 2025); Kevin Aprea Cabrera, Honors (Class of 2022); Fintan Murtagh, Honors (Class of 2022); Brady O'Connor, Honors (Class of 2022); Martin Connolly, Honors (Class of 2023); Andrew Lane, Honors (Class of 2023); Nicholas Pereira, Honors (Class of 2023); Johnny Vu, Honors (Class of 2023).

Jonathan Carter Ying, Honors (Class of 2023); Aidan Manning, Honors (Class of 2024); Tristan Quach, Honors (Class of 2024); Henry Borgerson, Honors (Class of 2025); Adam Graf, Honors (Class of 2025); Luke Scott, Honors (Class of 2025); Michael Shaw, Honors (Class of 2025); Xavien Suero, Honors (Class of 2025) and Frank Townsend, Honors (Class of 2025).

## Plant A Terrarium For A Unique Winter Garden, Gift

By MELINDA MYERS

Create a garden under glass to enjoy or give as a gift to new, experienced, and even reluctant gardeners. This self-contained system makes it easy to be a successful gardener with minimal care.

Purchase a terrarium or repurpose something hiding on a shelf in the basement, garage or shed. Even a cool glass container, cloche or bell jar turned open side down and placed on a shallow planting tray will work. Just glue a decorative door-knob or handle on the top for easy access.

Make it more festive for the holidays. Visit the ornament aisle in your favorite craft store. Create a mini terrarium from DIY Christmas orbs for holiday decoration or the perfect hostess gift.

Use closed terrariums like this when growing tropical plants. They thrive in the high humidity and moist soil.

Leave the top off or use open containers like glass vases, or mason jars for cacti and succulents. Use a cacti and succulent mix for these drought tolerant plants. They prefer the lower humidity and drier soil that open terrariums and cacti potting mix provide.

Once you have the container, you need to fill it

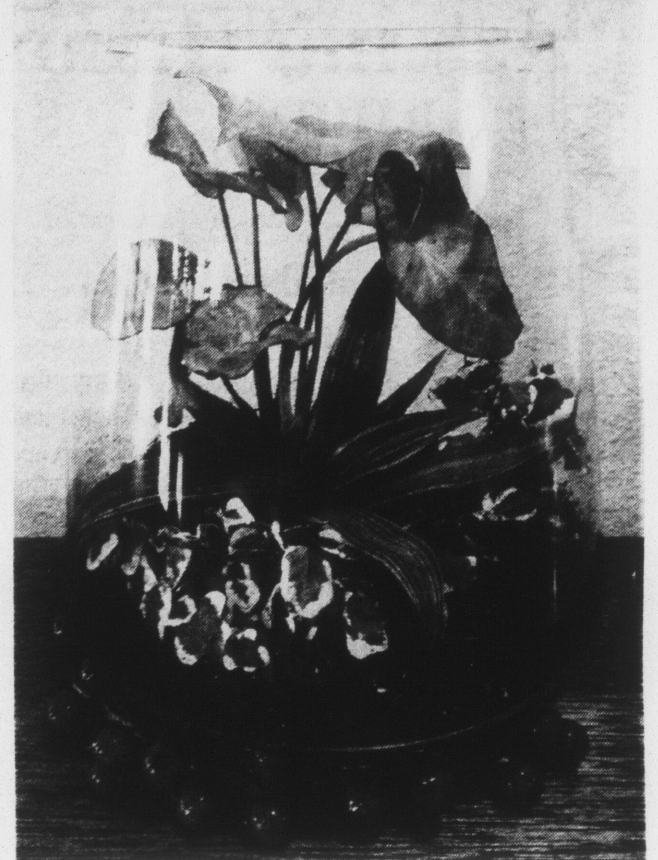
with potting mix, plants, and other decorative items. Consider a layer of decorative stone, twigs, sea glass or sand at the bottom for added color and interest. Some gardeners include a layer of charcoal to help absorb any odor. The key is not over-watering as the decorative stone and charcoal won't prevent waterlogged soil from killing your plants.

Consider covering the stone layer with black landscape fabric to prevent the potting mix from filtering through and covering up these items. Cover this with a layer of well-drained potting mix for tropical plants and cacti and succulent mix for drought tolerant plants. Add contours to the soil level if space allows for added interest.

Select a variety of plants of different heights, textures, and colors to create an attractive terrarium garden. Many garden centers now sell small specimens perfect for these mini gardens.

Low growing tropical plants such as baby's tears, creeping fig, moss, and ivies make excellent groundcovers. Small specimens of dracaenas, crotons, palms and podocarpus make nice upright features. Fill in the middle ground with ferns, nerve plants, polka dot plants and more.

Once assembled, terrari-



USE OPEN CONTAINERS like glass vases for drought tolerant plants that prefer lower humidity and drier soil.

Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

ums are relatively easy to manage. Moisten the soil and cover. Crack the lid open if condensation builds up on the glass. Then replace the cover and monitor the soil moisture and condensation. Add additional moisture carefully. A turkey baster is an easy way to water only the plants in need of a drink.

Place your terrariums in a bright location away from direct light. Heat can build up in this covered ecosystem and cook your plants when placed in a sunny location.

Now is the perfect time to gather or purchase fun glassware, planting and

decorating supplies, and, of course, plants. Then take a break from the hectic holiday season to plant up a few holiday decorations and green gifts for your loved ones.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

## Movie Review: 'House of Gucci'

By BOB GARVER

Ridley Scott's "House of Gucci" had an unimpressive 3rd place box office debut on what was frankly an unimpressive Thanksgiving weekend. Three weeks have passed, I've already reviewed "Encanto" at #1 and "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" at #2, and no studio wants to open anything new in the notoriously-abysmal first weekend in December. So the still-#3 "House of Gucci" is up for review.

Is it as unimpressive as its numbers? In a way, it is. The film is nearly three hours long and didn't knock

my socks off, so disappointment is bound to play a role in my opinion. But at the same time, I can't say that it's some sort of spectacular flop, or even a flop at all, really.

Lady Gaga stars as Patrizia Reggiani, heiress to a pathetic Italian trucking empire who yearns for something more. She finds that "more" in the form of Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver), heir to the sprawling fashion empire. Aspiring lawyer Maurizio has no desire to go into the family business, and in fact he is happy to forfeit his inheri-

tance after his father Rudolfo (Jeremy Irons) disapproves of Patrizia and makes him choose between love and money. The couple is poor-but-happy, with Maurizio going to work for Patrizia's father and sneaking in romantic rendezvous in a trailer. One romantic scene could have cut away after some smooching, but it stays with the two... longer than necessary.

Eventually, through either genuine affection or playing a long con, Patrizia and Maurizio make nice with Rudolfo and are accepted into the Gucci empire. At the top is Maurizio's uncle Aldo, who welcomes Maurizio into the company with open arms, having found a way to keep the brand in the family without having to hand it over to his incompetent son Paolo (Jared Leto). But where Maurizio sees loving family members, Patrizia sees obstacles to taking over Gucci for herself. She's destined for greatness, her psychic Pina (Salma Hayek) tells her so. It's just a matter of removing Aldo from power, getting Paolo to sell his

shares of the company, and taking care of Maurizio. The progression of the marriage will determine exactly what it means to "take care of" Maurizio.

Given all the ambition and betrayal (not to mention crime), it's hard not to see "House of Gucci" as a sort of "Godfather" movie. Veteran Pacino is like Michael Corleone in Part III - wizened and prominent, but also frail and losing his grip on power. Driver is like Michael in Part I - smart and wanting to follow his own path, but ultimately sucked into the family business. And Leto, in a comparison everyone is rightfully making, is Fredo - desperate to prove his worth, yet so disastrous that he can only dig himself deeper at every opportunity. Also, he's balding. Granted, so was the real Paolo Gucci, but you can't tell me there isn't at least a little bit of John Cazale in that look.

"House of Gucci" makes some questionable decisions, but it's a fairly interesting story. I was reclining in my theater seat and never once did I feel the need to



bang my head against the upright one next to me. And of course there are lavish costumes - even the eyeglasses that Paolo designs are clearly the result of painstaking effort. Between this, "Cruella," "Spencer," and next week's "West Side Story," this will be a good year for the Best Costume

Design category at the Oscars. As for the movie as a whole, I'll give it a mild recommendation.

Grade: B-

"House of Gucci" is rated R for language, some sexual content, and brief nudity and violence. Its running time is 158 minutes.

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# Marie & Suzie: Holiday Recipes Dinners, Sides & Desserts

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### Apple Vanilla Cranberry Pie Made in a Sheet Pan

By MARIE

I found this recipe recently on Trisha Yearwood's Food Network program. It looked incredibly delicious and this pie, since baked in a large cookie sheet, will feed a crowd. This recipe is great for large gatherings especially during the holidays.

#### Ingredients

4 pounds of apples, peeled, cored and cut in large diced pieces  
(about 10 cups)  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
¼ cup of packed light brown sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup corn starch  
14 ounce can of whole berry cranberry sauce  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 packages of pie dough (this will equal 4 pie crusts)  
1 cup dried cranberries  
Egg wash (one egg with a little water)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

First, place an inverted cooking sheet in the oven and pre-heat to 350 degrees.

On a second cookie sheet, place the pie dough on the baking sheet to fit at least 3 rounds of dough on the bottom of the cookie sheet.

Initially, dough should hang over an inch on each side. Using a fork make sure to aerate the crust.

On the other round of dough, you can make lattice work, or cut out hearts or Christmas trees and set aside in the refrigerator along with the other sheet pan with dough.

In a stock pot over medium heat, add apples, butter, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt.

Cook until sugar dissolves into butter; this takes about 5 to 7 minutes – creating a loose syrup.

Sprinkle in the corn starch and bring to a simmer.

Cook until slightly thickened, then stir in the cranberry sauce and cook, stirring until blended for about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Stir in dried cranberries and vanilla.

Put the apple mixture on the dough that is on the sheet pan, spread an even layer and lightly press the excess dough over the filling to create a rustic crust.

Then add the cut pieces of hearts or tree on the top.

Edges on sides should be pulled neatly over the filling.

Whisk the egg with a tablespoon of water and brush the egg mixture over the top of the pie.

Place this on top pre-heated baking sheet and bake for about 55 minutes.

### Cranberry-Walnut Holiday Tart

By MARIE

Today's recipe is from our cousin, Mike, who baked it recently for a family gathering.

This recipe is wonderful for the holidays or any gathering. It is very savory – and contains many healthy ingredients! Mike makes this recipe often and serves it along with homemade ice cream. Sounds delicious right – well that's because it is! Thanks for the amazing recipe Mike!

#### Ingredients and Directions:

##### Step 1 - Sweet Pastry Dough:

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons ice water

Whisk together flour, sugar, and salt in a large bowl.

Blend in butter with your fingertips or a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal with some small (roughly pea-size) butter lumps.

Beat together yolk and water with a fork and stir into flour mixture until well combined.

Gently knead mixture in bowl with floured hands to form

a dough.

Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently 4 or 5 times more.

Form dough into a ball and flatten into a 5-inch disk.

Chill, wrapped tightly in plastic wrap, at least 1 hour.

##### Step 2 - Cranberry Walnut Filling:

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup corn syrup
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 bags whole, fresh cranberries – or thawed frozen cranberries (15 oz total)
- 1 1/4 cup walnut pieces

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt butter and set aside.

In a bowl, blend together flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon.

Add the corn syrup, egg, vanilla, butter, and stir until well combined.

Fold in cranberries and walnut pieces to incorporate all.

Pour filling into crust. Cover crust edge with tin foil or pie crust shield. Bake for approximately 45 - 50 minutes, until tart is light brown and the filling has set; cranberries will be cooked.

Serve at room temperature or refrigerate.

Tart keeps for about 1 week in the refrigerator. It can be well wrapped and frozen for later enjoyment.

### Stuffed Pork Loin A Christmas Entrée

By MARIE

What's for Christmas or holiday dinner? How does stuffed pork loin sound?

Your family and friends will enjoy this dish – especially if you would like a change from the traditional turkey and ham! Purchase the amount of pork depending on how many people you are feeding and how many leftovers you would like for the next day. Pork loins are usually six or eight inches long.

#### Ingredients and Directions:

Purchase the pork amount depending on how many guests you are having.

With a very sharp knife, cut pork loin in half but do not cut all the way through.

Using the stuffing recipe below (or your favorite stuffing) place the stuffing in the center of the pork and use tooth picks or white string to hold the pork and stuffing together.

Place slices of onion on top of the pork before baking and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Bake at 350-degree oven for 35 minutes and then check to see if done.

Cool before slicing.

Make sure toothpicks or string is removed before serving.

#### Pork Stuffing – Ingredients

- 2 stalks celery, cut up
- 1 small onion, cut up
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, diced finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons of sherry wine
- 2 cups favorite stuffing mix
- 1 tablespoon Bell's seasoning
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons oil
- ¼ cup grated Romano cheese
- ½ pound ground pork

### Five Ingredient Corn Casserole

By MARIE

I was given this recipe for corn casserole from my daughter, Ann Marie and I have published it before. I love this

recipe for events and the holidays because it is delicious and it has five easy ingredients with items most of us already have at home in our kitchens.

The only thing about this recipe is that it uses Jiffy Mix and I am a "from scratch" cook, but when you try and taste today's recipe you will be delighted with the results. This recipe has a savory touch of sweetness, and always gets raves so we are re-printing it for the upcoming holidays!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; grease an 8 x 8 baking dish

#### Ingredients and Directions:

- 1 15-ounce corn niblets - drained
- 1 15 ounce can creamed corn - not drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 package of Jiffy Corn Muffin mix

In a bowl mix the two cans of corn, butter and sour cream blending well.

Then fold in Jiffy Corn Muffin mix, mixing until well blended.

Pour batter in prepared pan and bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 – 35 minutes.

You can double this recipe, but it will take a bit longer to bake. Top should be lightly browned.

### Holiday String Beans An Old Family Recipe

By MARIE

With each holiday, no matter what the main course is, the sides are very important. When we were growing up a string-bean casserole wasn't as popular as it is today. But we had a unique way of making string beans with tomato sauce and this recipe was made on top of the stove. With only two main ingredients this was a delicious way to make string beans

#### Ingredients and directions:

- 2 pounds of string beans
- 1 large can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove of garlic, finely minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon basil
- ½ teaspoon of parsley

Remove ends off string beans boil beans until almost tender. (I like my vegetables done well.)

After beans are cooked, remove and set aside.

In a skillet heat the oil and add chopped onion and garlic, and cook for a couple of minutes.

Add the can of tomato sauce and string beans, cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

Then add ½ cup of grated parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper to taste.

Place in serving bowl and add to your holiday table.

### Turkey and Sides Fritters

By MARIE

Looking for ideas to use up all of that left-over holiday turkey and fixings? Then try these delicious turkey fritters. These are a favorite of my family and a great way to use left-over turkey and favorites– all in one swoop!

#### Ingredients and directions:

- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 2 cups of the diced finely turkey
- 2 cups of stuffing
- 4 tablespoons of vegetable oil.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs, onion and salt and pepper, stir in potatoes, turkey and stuffing blending well.

In a large skillet heat the oil and working in batches drop the mixture by ½ cup full into the skillet and press down to flatten. Cook on each side until golden brown and heated through – this takes 4 to 5 minutes – drain on paper towel. This recipe makes 12 fritters and can be served with cranberry jelly!

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## Social Security Matters Ask Rusty: How Do I Apply For Social Security Benefits?

By RUSSELL GLOOR  
National Social Security Advisor  
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm  
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

**Dear Rusty:** I would like some advice concerning Social Security. In January I will be 62.5 years old. I was laid off two years ago and have not had a steady income since (though I still have bills to pay). I also did not qualify for unemployment. Therefore, what little I had for "retirement" is now gone. For this reason, I have been seriously considering applying for Social Security as soon as I'm able. I remember reading something that said I should begin the "paperwork" three months ahead of time. I'd like to begin that process, but don't know where to begin. Could you guide me to the right place? **Signed: Ready to Claim Benefits**

**Dear Ready to Claim:** Sorry to hear of your loss of employment and your current financial struggle, but the Social Security benefits you earned from a lifetime of working are there for you. Here's what you need to know about applying for Social Security:

Since you are already 62 years of age, you can apply for your Social Security at any time now. The process is fairly simple, especially if you apply online, which you can do at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). Just click on the "Retirement" icon and you'll see a link to the online application. You simply fill out the application, save it if you need more time to work on it, and later when you're done submit it online to Social Security. Before you do that, however, you'll need to create your personal "my Social Security" online account, which is easy to do at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your online account set up you can fill out and submit the online application. Of course, you can also apply via telephone by calling either the national Social Security service center at 1.800.772.1213 or your local Social Security office to make an appointment to apply but applying online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) is by far the most efficient way.

You can apply for your SS benefits up to 4 months before the month you wish your payments to start. On the application you will tell them which month you want your benefits to begin so you can apply before you want to start benefits. Since you're applying before your full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, there are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- By claiming at age 62 ½ your benefit amount will be permanently reduced by about 29%. You only get your full benefits if you wait to claim until your full retirement age (FRA) which for you is 66 years and 10 months; claiming any earlier means a permanently reduced benefit.

- If you claim before your FRA and you return to work, you'll be subject to an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The 2022 earnings limit is \$19,560 and if that is exceeded SS will take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The earnings limit will apply until you reach your full retirement age, and the allowable earnings are more in the year you reach FRA.

Applying online for Social Security benefits is a reasonably easy process, and if you have even moderate computer skills you shouldn't be intimidated by the thought. But if you are, simply call Social Security and request an appointment to apply. They will walk you through the application process.

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## Local Scouts Study Civics, Meet With Mayor Koch



THE ARROW OF LIGHT (5th grade) den from Cub Scout Pack 6 (based in Houghs Neck) recently met with Mayor Thomas P. Koch as part of their requirements for completing a unit focused on civics called "Building a Better World" (BBW). From left to right: Mikey Curran, Den Leader Sean Glennon, Joey Burke, Keaton Cavin, Mayor Koch, Robert Glennon, Gavin Kirk and Evan Amorim. Prior to meeting with the mayor, the cubs spent the previous several weeks working on civics-related topics such as learning about the history of the American flag; how to properly display and fold the flag; and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The cubs also took field trips to Generals Park and City Hall as part of their lesson on public service. As a special treat, Mayor Koch himself presented each scout with their BBW pin, in recognition of completing their adventure requirements. Pack 6 is the oldest continuously run Cub Scout Pack in Massachusetts, founded in 1939. For more information about Pack 6 or scouting in general, visit [pack6quincy.com](http://pack6quincy.com).

Photo Courtesy Lisa Aimola

## Mayor Eyes Late January For State Of The City Address

By SCOTT JACKSON

Mayor Thomas Koch plans to give next year's annual State of the City address in late January and will likely do it indoors inside City Hall, rather than outdoors like this year's speech.

In a recent interview, Koch said he has yet to choose a date on which he will deliver his remarks but is aiming for some time in late January. He also hopes to hold the State of the City inside the City Council chamber in the McIntyre Government Center — where he has delivered his remarks in recent years — rather than outdoors on the Hancock-Adams Common, where this year's speech was given.

"I'll probably do it in the council chamber, and I will probably do it in late January," Koch said. "I haven't picked a date yet."

This year's State of the City was moved outdoors because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the advent of COVID-19 vaccines, Koch said it should be possible to hold the upcoming speech indoors, with seating inside the council chamber limited.

"We'll keep it limited in-

side just to be extra careful, but now that we've got the vaccinations and stuff going on, I think we can do it inside without too much of an issue," the mayor said.

"By the way, that is a new building so the air system in that building is terrific. The turnover in there is pretty robust, so I think we'll be fine doing it in there."

In this year's State of the City, delivered in early March to a crowd of 50 socially distanced guests on the Hancock-Adams Common, Koch called for a renewed commitment to and investment in Quincy College and announced the establishment of a building committee to plan a new home for the municipally owned school. The mayor picked Katherine Craven, a member of the college's board of governors and the former executive director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, to lead the building committee.

This past spring, Koch asked the City Council to authorize a \$23 million bond to purchase the Munroe Building in Quincy Cen-

ter and a nearby parking lot as part of a proposal to construct a 16-story building to house both Quincy College and municipal offices. The bond would have also covered the cost of relocating the Munroe Building's tenants and designing the proposed new municipal facility.

Koch nixed that request in May amid opposition from several city councilors. Ten days later, the mayor announced he would be using \$15 million in funds the city and college would be receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act to purchase the Munroe Building and nearby parking lot. In a subsequent interview, Koch said a public process would help determine the future use of the Munroe Building site.

That public process will begin in the new year, the mayor said during the recent interview.

"I'm going to be regrouping after the first of the year with Katherine Craven and some of the team and taking another look at everything and then begin the

process of meeting with college staff, college students, public meetings, and help to get the word out on why this makes sense and hopefully build some consensus for it before I go back to the council," Koch said.

Koch said he still believes the college would be better served if it has a home of its own, rather than continuing to lease space inside the Presidents Place building at 1250 Hancock St.

"I still think it has tremendous merit and now the college has got their four-year baccalaureate degree program on the business side. They are going in the right direction, so I think it probably makes even more sense going forward," he said.

In addition to the upcoming State of the City address, both the City Council and School Committee will hold organizational meetings to mark the start of their new terms in January. The organizational meeting for the City Council will be held Jan. 3 and the School Committee's meeting will take place two days later.

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On several recent occasions, State Police and Quincy Police have attempted to stop a green Chrysler 300 for various motor vehicle violations.

The most recent incident occurred on Nov. 4. On each of these occasions, the operator of the Chrysler fled. While fleeing these attempted motor vehicle stops, the driver operated in a manner that endangered the lives and safety of the public. The Chrysler had very distinctive characteristics and was known to display a license plate that was not registered to the vehicle, commonly known as an "attached" plate. Officer Plant, of our Traffic Unit, informed officers that he believes the Chrysler is sometimes parked in the area of Prout Street.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7th. at approximately 8 a.m., Lt. Guarente requested assistance from our Anti-Crime Unit, as he had located the vehicle parked on Prout Street. The plates on the vehicle were "cancelled" in the registry database. Lt. Guarente, Officer Donnelly, and Officer Dougan set up surveillance on the vehicle in an attempt to identify the owner or operator of the Chrysler 300.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., Officer Dougan walked by the vehicle in an attempt to observe the VIN number on the vehicle's dash. As he approached the vehicle, he noticed that there were two vehicles parked extremely close to the Chrysler 300 - one directly in front of the vehicle and one directly behind the vehicle. It appeared that someone parked

## A Job Well Done

By QUINCY POLICE SGT. KARYN BARKAS  
Public Information Officer  
Quincy Police Department

the vehicles in an attempt to conceal the Chrysler 300 from being identified and/or towed. Within a few seconds, surveillance observed a white male, wearing a gray sweat shirt and jeans, exit a residence on Garfield Street and start both the vehicles that blocked the Chrysler 300. Officers believed that the male had started the other vehicles in order to move them to access the Chrysler 300. The white male then went back inside the Garfield Street residence.

The vehicles remained running for approximately 30 minutes. The male then exited the residence on Garfield Street. Officers approached the male and identified themselves as Quincy Police Officers. The male looked at the officers, stated "Oh, sh\*#!" and ran to one of the idling vehicles, a Ford Five Hundred. The suspect got into the vehicle, locked the doors, and attempted to drive away.

Lt. Guarente and Officer Dougan ordered the driver to stop. The suspect then put the vehicle in reverse and attempted to drive backwards on Prout Street. A resident of the area attempted to pull down Prout Street while Officer

Donnelly turned his unmarked cruiser onto Prout Street from Garfield Street. Prout Street is a dead end street and the Chrysler 300 had nowhere to go. The operator of the vehicle was ordered to exit the vehicle. Upon being identified, officers learned that the individual had nine outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Officer Dougan requested a tow for the Chrysler 300 as it was unregistered and parked on a public way. The Chrysler 300 was inventoried. Damage to the front of the vehicle was noted. Officer Dougan also inventoried the Ford Five Hundred that the suspect was operating. He recovered a clear plastic bag containing orange prescription pills packaged in a manner consistent with street level drug distribution.

A detective from the Drug Control Unit analyzed one of the pills seized. The result of the preliminary analysis revealed the pill to contain Methamphetamine (Aderall). Based on the amount of pills and the manner in which they were packaged, officers believed that the pills were packaged for distribution. Officers also seized \$502, as they believe the currency is proceeds from illegal drug transactions.

The male, a 26-year-old from Quincy, was transported to the Quincy Police station and booked on the outstanding warrants, operating after suspension, failure to stop for police, and possession with intent distribute Class B (Methamphetamine).

## QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

### FRIDAY, DEC. 3

**BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT (door lock), 12:55 p.m., Newbury Avenue.** Has video footage. White male with black hoodie up, tried to break into lock last night 2 a.m. Dec. 3. Front door shutters. Report.

**LARCENY (past), 1 p.m., Atlantic Street.** Reporting party states items have been taken and he and roommate have a suspect. Report.

**LARCENY (past), 1:07 p.m., Bellevue Road.** Reporting party states after a contractor was in their home doing work, his wife has noticed that something is now missing. Reporting party would like an officer to make a report. Report.

**VANDALISM/PROPERTY (scraped car), 7:28 p.m., Pleasant Street.** In QPD lobby. Happened in parking lot. Reporting party states it is on camera and her neighbor had something in his hand and scraped her car. Report filed.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 4

**LARCENY (past), 11:13 a.m., West Howard Street.** In QPD lobby. Laptop. Caller does not believe package was ever delivered. FedEx currently doing investigation to confirm delivery. Will come back if laptop was actually stolen. Case number provided.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (possibly confused), 12:03 p.m., Chestnut Street.** States her apartment was broken into and has items missing. Similar reports of confused female. Report.

**LARCENY (laundry change), 12:36 p.m., Copeland Street.** Unfounded. Female took caller's push carriage for laundry. Both females in the store. Females arguing. Unfounded.

**VANDALISM/PROPERTY (windows), 3:40 p.m., Bittern Road.** Ongoing issue, just found second window

smashed. No suspect info. Advised.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 5

**LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (just happened), 12:57 a.m., Hancock Street.** 2018 Honda SUV. Reporting party does not know her reg. number possibly a Hyundai Sana Fe. Reporting party is frantic and yelling. Party signed a stolen motor vehicle form. Form turned into communications.

**LARCENY (food delivery), 11:36 a.m., Cove Way.** Female took \$200 worth of food delivery from Amazon from hallway. Report to be filed.

**LARCENY (past), 8:55 p.m., Granite Street.** Night manager called stated a shopper had his scooter stolen. Will be waiting out front. Gray/black Segway. Male driven home. Item was recovered by the 774. Scooter returned to owner.

### MONDAY, DEC. 6

**BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (possible), 10:19 a.m., Petrel Road.** Party left house and returned to find front door ajar. She has been in house. Would like an officer to double check. States there is wood chips around door frame and scuff marks that she hadn't seen before. Tall white male, 20s to 30s, dressed in all black. Dog possibly scared him off.

**VANDALISM/PROPERTY (broken fence), 4:07 p.m., Pratt Road.** Teens are hanging out behind the house. Four youths all males about 15 years old. Pushed fence down today. Caller wants a youth's fort removed, no charges.

**LARCENY, 5 p.m., Southern Artery.** Package was taken. Caller has information. Caller is in the QPD lobby.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 7

**LARCENY (coin collection), 11:17 a.m., Winthrop Street.** Reporting party from QPD lobby states he has discovered his \$3,000 - \$5,000 coin collection went missing

since last week. Report to be filed.

**VANDALISM/PROPERTY (just occurred), 5:13 p.m., Victory Road.** Male party just sliced restaurant awnings and fled. Requested officer.

**LARCENY (footage), 6:33 p.m., Falls Boulevard.** Reporting party wants to look at footage but Walmart not allowed to let her look without an officer present. Reporting party wants to see if phone was taken by Walmart employee. Report to be filed.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY (past), 6:37 p.m., Washington Street.** Reporting party states party just sucker punched him. Does not want to press charges but wants to talk to an officer. Suspect no longer in the area. Advised. Reporting party will seek out a HPO tomorrow.

**LARCENY (wallet), 8:31 p.m., Falls Boulevard.** Served. Report filed.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 9

**BREAKING AND ENTERING/PROGRESS (garage), 2:57 a.m., Water Street.** Arrest made. Female dark coat fur on hood possibly grey sweatpants possibly stealing tools. Footprints lead to residence. Suspect matching description located on Water Street. Arrest after show up identification. Arrest for breaking and entering nighttime. Additionally charged with PD Millis MTC default warrant.

### Total Calls for Service: 1,101

**Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicle:** Burgin Parkway, Ferndale Road

**Breaking & Entering in the Past:** Petrel Road, Chestnut Street

**Larceny Motor Vehicle:** Hancock Street

**Breaking & Entering Attempt:** Newbury Avenue

## 6 Steps To Stop Porch Pirates This Holiday Season

### By BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The rise of online marketplaces and expedited delivery services is a convenient service for many consumers across the nation, allowing holiday purchasers to search out the perfect gift for friends and family. Unfortunately, purchasing and having the item delivered to the proper address does not guarantee you will receive it. According to market research firm C+R Research, package theft continues to be an issue for many Americans, with approximately one-quarter (23%) of consumers experiencing package theft in 2021.

Package thieves, also known as "porch pirates," often take advantage of an opportunity and may frequent a neighborhood or community multiple times before moving on to another. They will often target houses that provide a quick in-and-out route, especially if the porch or area where packages are delivered is within 25 feet of the street and are easily visible. Over the past five years, internet searches using the keywords "package stolen" nearly doubled during December, demonstrating the impact of this crime on households across the nation.

As a crime of opportunity, preventing or discouraging package theft can be accomplished in several ways, depending on the location of your residence, type and community. For instance, preventing package theft at an apartment complex in the middle of the city differs from a suburban residential community. However, consumers can use specific

strategies to discourage the act no matter where they live.

BBB provides the following tips to prevent package thieves from affecting your holiday plans (and the rest of the year):

- **Check with neighbors.** Sometimes, your package may not be stolen at all, just simply at the wrong address. Before filing a report or contacting the sender, check with your neighbors and see if the delivery service may have dropped off your package at the wrong address. Many delivery companies will take pictures of your package in the designated location - be sure to check for the photo and verify it is at the right spot.

- **Don't leave unattended packages.** When possible, do not leave delivered packages unattended for long periods. If you are expecting a package, attempt to schedule its delivery when you know you will be home. Ask your neighbors if they would mind holding on to packages delivered if you plan to be gone for an extended time during the holidays.

- **Ship to store.** If purchasing an item from a retailer that has a physical location near your home, consider shipping it there instead. Retailers will require proof of purchase or identification before releasing packages they have received, and this is a sure way to avoid porch pirates.

- **Use a security camera.** Installing a home security system with cameras or simply a camera-enabled doorbell is a great way to deter package theft, especially when highly

visible. Consider including a sign that specifically states that the residence is under surveillance. Even if a package is stolen from your porch, the video evidence will help law enforcement track down the thieves.

- **Require a signature.** Many delivery companies include the option to require a signature before leaving a package, letting you take physical possession of the item as soon as it is delivered. While this option works well for those who are often at home, especially for expensive items, it may create difficulties in receiving packages if your schedule and the delivery service are different. Be sure to check with the delivery company on their policy for packages that are not signed for; they may return it to the sender after a certain number of attempts.

- **Consider a package receiving service.** Some major retailers, such as Amazon, offer secure package receiving locations away from your home that you can access with a key or code. Some independent businesses also specialize in this service, allowing you to designate a different delivery location for your packages and the ability to pick them up on your way home.

If you fear that your package has been stolen, file a report with your local police department and the delivery company. Depending on which delivery service you use, they may offer insurance or other policies to reimburse you for your losses.

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## Citizens Complete Community Emergency Response Training

Quincy Emergency Management recently sponsored a full Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course this fall that concluded in early November.

The hybrid in-person and virtual course educated 18 community members about disaster preparedness for potential hazards that may impact the local area. The course provided training in disaster preparedness and response skills, such as medical operations, fire safety, basic sheltering, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster operations.

Officers from the Quincy Police Department and paramedics from Brewster ambulance served as instructors during the 8-week course, which included a total of 20 hours of disaster training. The CERT training course provided participants with enhanced capabilities to assist themselves, family, members, and in the community during disasters and emergency scenarios. For information about CERT training opportunities please contact Quincy Emergency Management at (617) 376-1105 or visit [https://www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/emergency\\_management/community\\_emergency\\_response\\_team/default.htm](https://www.quincyma.gov/govt/depts/emergency_management/community_emergency_response_team/default.htm).



QUINCY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT recently sponsored a full Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course this fall that concluded in early November. Eighteen residents completed the course. Front row, left to right: Kevin Dye, Ann McDonald, Boe Morgan, Debbie Toomey, Patty Smith, Julia Simonds, Theresa Szerepica, Chris Gross, and Emergency Operations Manager Cameron Hopper. Standing left to right: Lt. Robert Gillan, QPD, Cpt. Richard McCusker, QPD, Chris DiBona EMS Manager, Brewster Ambulance, Lisa Aprille, John Belcher, Brewster Ambulance, Jacqueline Conroy, Nancy Smith, Eric McFadden, Renan Yesilcimen, Tim O'Regan, Mayor Thomas Koch, Evan Sorgi, QPD, Emergency Management Director Ally Sleiman, and Sgt. William Ward, QPD. Missing from the photo are Ray Theberge, Diane Theberge, and Emma Lathan.

Photo Courtesy City Of Quincy

## State Likely To Extend School Mask Mandate, Mulvey Says

By SCOTT JACKSON

State officials are likely to extend the requirement for public school students and staff to wear masks while indoors past its current expiration date in January, Quincy Supt. Kevin Mulvey said recently.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in August announced the mask mandate for the current school year, which was originally slated to end on Nov. 1. In late October, the mandate was extended to Jan. 15.

During the Dec. 8 meeting of the Quincy School Committee, Mulvey said he expects the mask mandate would be extended past Jan. 15 based on conversations he has had with state officials and other school administrators.

"It looks like it will most likely be extended again,"

Mulvey said. "We don't have word on that for sure but based on our conversations with the urban superintendents' group and officials from DESE and the Department of Public Health, it is very likely that it will be extended again beyond Jan. 15."

While the mask mandate remains in place, and could be extended, under the DESE guidance if a school demonstrates a vaccination rate of 80 percent or more among students and staff in the building, then vaccinated individuals in that school would no longer be subject to the state's mask requirement. The decision on whether or not vaccinated students and staff could go without masks if the 80 percent threshold is met would be up to local officials.

None of Quincy's public schools have reached the 80

percent mark, according to data Mulvey shared with the committee on Dec. 8.

At North Quincy High School, 75.6 percent of students were considered fully vaccinated as of that date, Mulvey said, the highest percentage of any school in the city. At Quincy High School, 64 percent of students were fully vaccinated.

Atlantic and Central have the highest student vaccination rates among the city's middle schools at 52.3 and 52.9 percent, respectively. At Broad Meadows Middle School, 36.6 percent of students were fully vaccinated. Those three schools serve students in grades 6 to 8.

At Point Webster Middle School, 26.9 percent of students were fully vaccinated, and 26 percent of students at South-West Middle School were fully vaccinated. Both those middle schools serve

grades 5 through 8; COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11 did not begin until early November.

In the city's eleven elementary schools, the vaccination rate among students varies between 1 and 5 percent.

Mulvey said he would provide a further update on the vaccination rates at the next committee in January. That update will include the vaccination rate for staff members at North Quincy High School based on self-attestation forms, he said.

Even if every staff member at North is vaccinated, however, Mulvey said the school would not hit the 80 percent threshold unless more students get vaccinated.

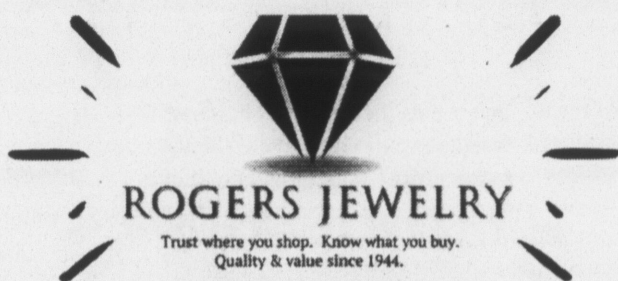
"A 100 percent vaccination rate for North Quincy High School staff members would not get us to the 80 percent that we need, so we do need more students to participate in getting vaccinated," he said.

"I would just encourage students and staff at North Quincy in particular - be-

cause they are the closest to reaching that 80 percent - if we do want to reach that goal, please consider getting vaccinated."

If the 80 percent threshold were reached, Mulvey noted the School Committee would have to take into account logistical considerations, like who would be responsible for monitoring unvaccinated students and staff to ensure they were properly masked, if the committee decided to allow those who are vaccinated to

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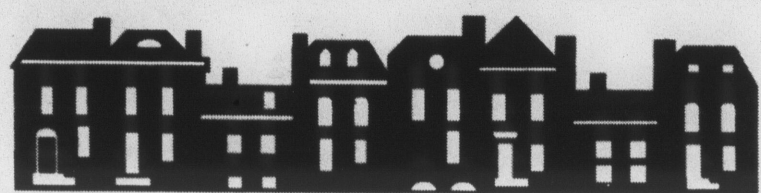
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## Quincy Real Estate Transactions Dec. 6 - Dec. 10

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BP Bigelow LLC	Kunpeng Properties LLC	\$607,500.00	25 Bigelow Street
Kevin J. & Patricia M. Collins	Jeremy Tsui	\$610,000.00	47 Pembroke Street
Mark F. & Kristen Dunlea	John M. Dunlea & Brian Dunlea	\$325,000.00	62 Prospect Avenue
Paul M. Lopes & Liza M. Iolli	Miriam & Garrett Fine	\$705,000.00	152 East Elm Avenue
Sagamore Gardens LLC	Local 369 Building Fund Inc.	\$975,000.00	68 Sagamore Street
Estate of Miriam Crowley	Khanh D. & Katherine H. Nguyen	\$380,000.00	200 Falls Boulevard, Unit H102B
Edward J. & Elizabeth A. Stevens	Vinh S. Banh & Yen Huynh	\$510,000.00	11 Edinboro Road
Jianquan Liu & Yuan Yang	Gina J. & Man K. Wong	\$825,000.00	10-14 McDonald Street
William J. Burke	Theodore T. Gregoriadis	\$488,000.00	70 Spring Street
Quincy Family Housing Nominee Trust	Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore Inc	\$190,760.00	64 Winter Street
Quincy Family Housing Nominee Trust	Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore Inc	\$200,000.00	58 Winter Street & 60 Winter Street
SEACLEAR, LLC	BIKE REALTY, LLC	\$2,200,000.00	360-364 Sea Street, 368 Sea Street & 368-378 Sea Street
Mark & Renee McMillen	Douglas Nolan	\$510,000.00	105 Spring Street
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## Norfolk Registry Good Deeds: Christmas Movie Trivia

By WILLIAM O'DONNELL  
Norfolk County Register of Deeds  
The Holidays are upon us

and it is time for an article from the Registry of Deeds that builds upon the joys of our holiday season. It is about time a writing that

is light and not so serious is written in these "Good Deeds" articles. There can always be more of that in our day to day lives.

One go to article theme readers of "Good Deeds" may have noticed over the years has been trivia. There have been trivia questions about historical figures of Norfolk County such as the four Presidents of the United States born here in Norfolk County. There have been trivia challenges involving naming one of the 28 communities making up Norfolk County as the answer to some notable person who

hailed from that community.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has seen its share of Hollywood filming which has taken place in and around the beautiful Registry of Deeds Building. There was an old television show "The Practice" starring actors Dylan McDermott and Michael Spada. Four episodes of this show were filmed in and around Dedham. "Iron Man" Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duvall made use of the Norfolk Superior Court and the Registry of Deeds Building front pillars and steps in the film "The Judge."

Recently Rosamund Pike and Eiza Gonzalez used the books and beauty of the renovated Registry of Deeds Record Hall to film "I Care A Lot." Rosamund Pike won a Golden Globe for her performance in this movie which can be seen on Netflix.

So I thought I would combine the Christmas Season, trivia and this link to movies to challenge the reader to some Christmas Movie Trivia.

### Trivia Questions

#1 In "Home Alone 2," what city does Kevin mis-

takenly get lost in?

#2 What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in "The Santa Clause?"

#3 Where does "The Polar Express" take the children?

#4 Finish this iconic line from "It's a Wonderful Life:" "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his \_\_\_\_."

#5 Buddy the Elf sticks to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and \_\_\_\_.

#6 Who was the bad guy Rudolph tried to avoid?

#7 Finish this line from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." "It came without packages, boxes or \_\_\_\_."

#8 What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?

#9 In the story of a "Christmas Carol," what is Scrooge's first name?

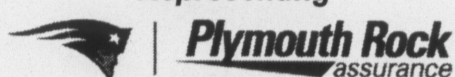
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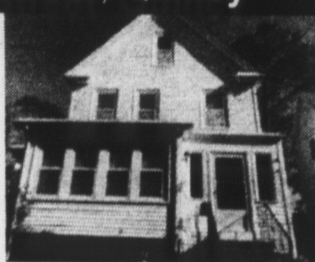
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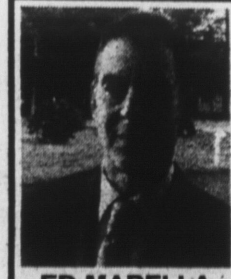
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# Faxon Park, Senior Center Among Andronico's Priorities

By SCOTT JACKSON

Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico, who was elected to a new two-year term in November's municipal election, identified continued upgrades to Faxon Park and starting a satellite senior center at the Fore River Clubhouse as two of his top priorities for the upcoming term.

Andronico, age 28, was appointed to the City Council this past January following the resignation of long-time councillor Brad Croall. Andronico had been elected to the School Committee in 2017 and had served as its vice chairperson in 2020 and 2021, before being appointed to the council. He also works as the communications director for state Sen. Patrick O'Connor, a Weymouth Republican.

Andronico was elected to a full two-year term on the council in the Nov. 2 municipal election, turning back a challenge from Ste-

ven Perdios. All nine city councillors will begin their new terms on Jan. 3 during a swearing-in ceremony. The details of that ceremony, which will be held in the evening, are still being finalized.

During a recent interview, Andronico thanked the voters of Ward 2 for their support in the recent election.

"It's been a real honor and privilege to serve the people of Ward 2 over the past year since this past January and I think to earn my own two-year term means a great deal to me," he said. "I'd just like to thank my supporters and the people of Ward 2 for placing their trust in me to really continue the job that we've been doing over the past year."

When asked about his top priorities, Andronico said his first goal is to respond to constituents and ensure they get the city services they need. He would also like

to see continued upgrades made to Faxon Park and for the Fore River Clubhouse to be used as a satellite senior center.

"The first goal is always making sure you get back to constituents and that they are getting the city services that they need and deserve as taxpayers. That is always goal number one," Andronico said.

"Larger-scale projects we're looking to accomplish are continuing updates up at Faxon Park and making sure that is a family-friendly environment and a place where people want to go and spend their mornings for a jog or afternoon with a picnic for a family or kids want to go play games. That is one I could see happening in the next couple years."

"Beyond that is turning the Fore River Clubhouse into a satellite senior center. Ward 2 has more senior citizens than any other ward in the city and right now

if they want those types of services, they have to go all the way up closer to North Quincy and Squantum to the Kennedy Center. I think it would be really advantageous for us to revitalize the Fore River Clubhouse in that way."

"Those are kind of the two main things we're focused on. Making sure our streets get repaved, sidewalks get done, water mains get replaced - that's what I can see on the horizon."

The councillor said he maintains a website, [anthonyadronico.com](http://anthonyadronico.com), for constituent services, and wants to hear from the residents he represents, including those who will be redistricted into Ward 2 beginning in January.

"Where we are going to have a lot of new constituents moving into the ward gaining most of Penn's Hill all the way over from Franklin Street and High Street over through Inde-



WARD 2 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY ANDRONICO

pendence Ave, there is a constituent survey where they can let me know how they feel about issues, they can request assistance with an issue, and also just find out what's going on," Andronico said.

Containing 57 acres of land, Faxon Park is the second-largest park in Quincy owned by the city. City councillors in 2017 approved \$800,000 for improvements to the park as part of a \$27 million bond that included money for other park projects, like the construction of

the Hancock-Adams Common, which will be paid back from hotel tax receipts.

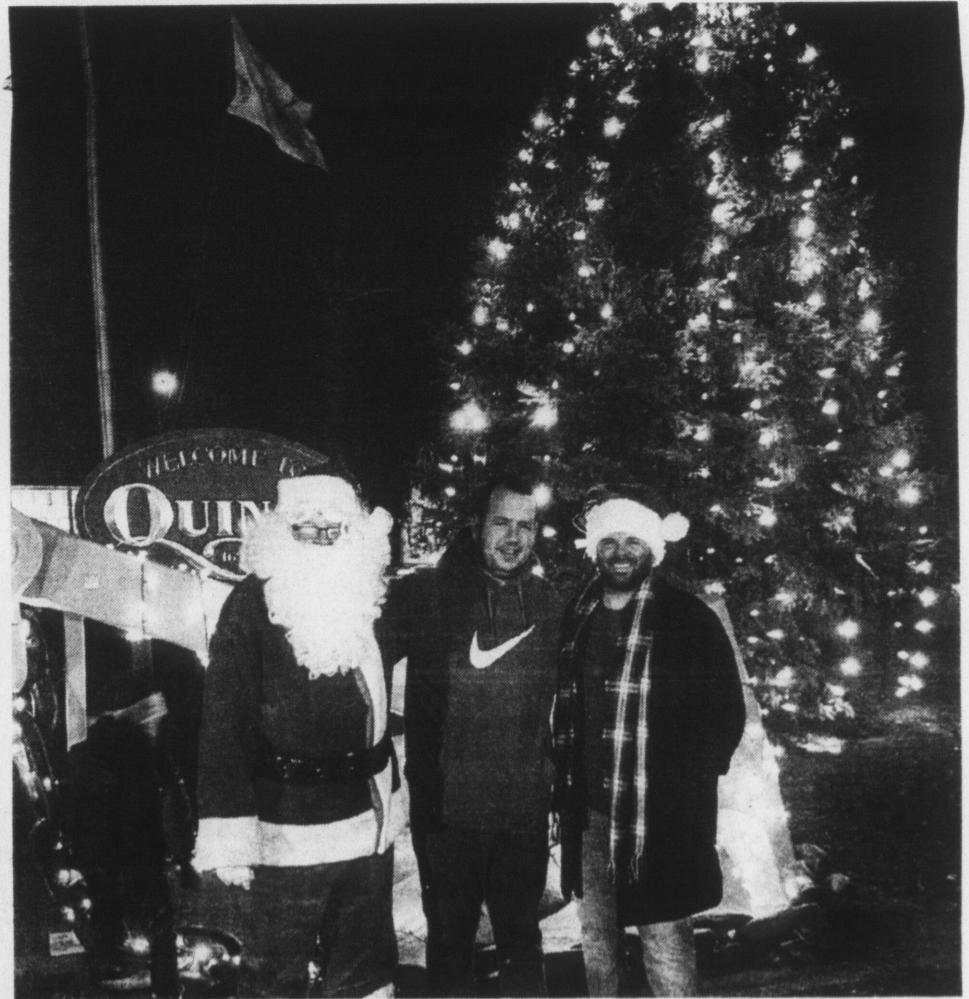
Andronico said the city has brought in an outside firm to look at possible upgrades to Faxon Park, and residents will be able to weigh in on those plans.

"The city is working with a firm to develop potential ideas to present to the public and I'm not entirely certain when those will be made public for comment," Andronico said.

"I do want people to

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## Ward 2 Tree Lighting Ceremony At Fore River Rotary



A NUMBER OF neighborhood tree lighting ceremonies throughout the city were held earlier this month including in Quincy Point at the Fore River Rotary. Shown here are photos from the Ward 2 tree lighting ceremony. This tree lighting was hosted by the Ward 2 Civic Association and Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico.

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# Laura Taylor New Housing Authority Assistant Executive Director

## Rick Brouillard Also Joins QHA Staff

Quincy Housing Authority Executive Director James Marathas and Mayor Thomas Koch recently welcome new QHA Assistant Executive Director Laura Taylor.

Taylor is the former bureau director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). She will replace Carolyn Crossley who has served the Quincy Housing Authority for over 30 years and is scheduled to retire next April.

"I am very grateful for the time I have worked with Carolyn," Marathas said. "She has dedicated her life to public housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Quincy Housing Authority. I wish her great happiness and good health in her upcoming retirement. I feel so fortunate we were able to find the perfect replacement to work with Carolyn in her last several months and someone I have worked with in the past, Laura Taylor.

"We worked together at DHCD where I gained a tremendous amount of respect for Laura and her dedication to low-income housing. Laura was a perfect fit for the future of this Authority. She has a great deal of knowledge in private low-income housing and will be a tremendous asset. The Quincy Housing Authority recently took over management of the Hingham and Marshfield Housing Authorities and are currently in the process of a RAD conversion of the federal public housing portfolio consisting of O'Brien Towers, Pagnano Towers, Riverview

Family Development and Drohan Apartments. The RAD program will transfer ownership of the four developments to a new nonprofit agency set up by the Quincy Housing Authority with all of the residents receiving Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs).

"The ownership of the developments will be transferred to the Quincy Development Corporation D/B/A Quincy Cares and will continue to remain low-income housing maintained by the Quincy Housing Authority. This is a unique time for the Quincy Housing Authority and strengthening our administrative staff is our number one focus," Marathas said.

"In addition to Laura Taylor joining the staff another former member of DHCD, Rick Brouillard has joined the growing team at the Quincy Housing Authority. Rick Brouillard has been hired to fill the position of Director of Strategic Planning, Reporting, and Modernization. Rick has an exceptional attention to detail and his several decades of construction and planning background is exactly what we need. The agency is focused on continuing to provide the highest level of service and support to our residents. We have been preparing for the last seven years for this moment," Marathas added.

Laura Taylor graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in public administration with a concentration in government in 1984. After graduation she worked at a retail store in their Communications Division, before taking a job at

a small law firm hoping to gain legal experience before enrolling in law school.

In Taylor landed a job at a family owned and operated, development, construction, property management company. She worked directly with outside counsel and obtained some legal experience preparing documents and going to Boston Housing Court. In 1992 she earned a Juris Doctorate (JD) degree from the Massachusetts School of Law and passed the Massachusetts State Bar in June 1993. For the next three years Laura worked as general counsel for the management entity of the family-owned business, representing the company in landlord tenant matters and undertook some contract review and development proposals for the development entity. She later assumed the role of director of Management.

In 2002, Taylor was offered a position at a third-party management company, as a regional manager with a portfolio of properties in the Greater Boston area. In 2008, she left the private sector to start a career in the public sector at the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development as the director for the Bureau of Housing Management in the Division of Public Housing. She worked at DHCD for approximately four years, before going back to the private sector in 2012 at the request of a former client, who started a new property management company. She worked as a regional manager with that company, overseeing a portfolio across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in Rhode Island.



LAURA TAYLOR is the new assistant executive director at the Quincy Housing Authority. With her are QHA Executive Director James Marathas (left) and Mayor Thomas Koch.

Courtesy Photo

Taylor returned to DHCD in 2013 in her former role as the director for the Bureau of Housing Management in the Division of Public Housing, before coming to the Quincy Housing Authority. When offered the opportunity to work at the Quincy Housing Authority, she said: "It's been over a decade since I've had the opportunity to work directly with residents in the community; be a part of positive change and growth. Working with the team at the Quincy Housing Authority, will give me the opportunity to support residents and make a difference, every day."

Rick Brouillard graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in 1987 with an Associate Degree in architectural engineering and in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in building construction technology. In the early 1990s he was an assistant construction manager for a nationwide retail chain, overseeing the construction of outlet stores across the country.

In the mid-90s Brouillard became a Project and Facility manager for a Massachusetts health insurance company and then in the late 1990s a Project and Facility manager for a Massachusetts high tech data storage company. In 2002, he moved on to work for the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development for 19 years as a construction analyst, developer of Capital Planning Systems and Data and Systems manager. Having worked in the housing industry from the design and construction side but not the on the local level, Rick jumped at the opportunity to become a member of the Quincy Housing Authority.

"Rick said to me 'this is the right opportunity for me at the right time in my life,'" Marathas said. Brouillard added that it was very difficult for him to leave such great people but looked forward to continuing to work with them from the "other side of the fence" and looked forward to establishing new relationships and "getting back to his roots."

Brouillard lives on the South Shore with his family of three and enjoys Boy Scouting, camping, motorcycle riding, and home projects.

"The agency has a great deal of changes and growth planned in the upcoming years," Marathas said. "I feel confident our new staff is dedicated and ready for the challenges ahead. We have been committed to building a stable and efficient Authority that goes above and beyond to serve our residents. The work we have done is incredible. We've come a long way from where we were; I give a great deal of credit to our dedicated staff."

"The staff is committed to our agency goals and our residents. I could not be more proud to lead this Agency and of what we have accomplished together. The support from the Board of Commissioners and Mayor Koch has been second to none," Marathas added.

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know that that process is not something for the city to say, 'this is going to happen' and constituents have to abide by it. I think people don't necessarily know what are the possibilities for things that could go there and I think presenting those ideas, hearing from constituents and getting their ideas is something that would really benefit all of us."

In addition to those efforts inside Ward 2, Andronico said he would like the city to create a residential property tax exemption, which would provide residents who own and occupy their own home a break on

property taxes. Councillors Brian Palmucci and Nina Liang introduced legislation to create such an exemption in January 2020, shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"I know in general during the campaign season talking with folks some people feel that the development we've seen over the last decade, that they should get more out of it on their bottom line when it comes to property taxes," Andronico said.

"I know a couple years ago, my now colleagues Councillor Palmucci and Councillor Liang filed a residential property tax exemption where qualifying

residents can see an up to 35 percent reduction on their property taxes if they are in an owner-occupied home, apartment, condo, et cetera. I think that is something I would like to pursue as well because I think people should see more on their bottom line as well."

Several other communities in the area, such as Boston, Malden and Somerville, have adopted the residential property tax exemption.

"This is not unheard of, even for Greater Boston," Andronico said.

The City Council has been meeting remotely amid the pandemic since March 2020. Andronico said he

was hopeful the council would be able to hold in-person meetings in the near future.

"In the new year, I would love to see us get back to in-person meetings for the main part of just fostering that camaraderie between colleagues in order to get things done," he said. "I think especially between city councillors...we can kind of get buried in just our ward stuff and things in the meetings can get a little more disjointed unless we have those types of relationships and meeting in-person I think is key to that."

Andronico had spent

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# School Board Meetings Could Reopen To Public

By SCOTT JACKSON

School officials are looking into possible ways to reopen School Committee meetings to the public and could do so as soon as next month.

The committee has been meeting in-person at the Coddington Building this year joined by Supt. Kevin Mulvey, other administrators and staff members, and invited guest speakers.

The public has not been able to attend the meetings. Residents and others with ties to the school system are able to submit written letters to the committee – which are read aloud during the open forum at the start of each session – and the meetings are broadcast on Channel 22 and livestreamed by QATV.

Committee member Doug Gutro on Dec. 8 moved to reopen future meetings to the public, saying he would like to find a way for the committee to at least hear live testimony during open forum rather than just receiving written

comments.

"I'm open to anybody making suggestions, I just wanted to reopen and give people the opportunity at least during open forum to come in and speak, whether we do it in-person or virtually now, depending on what the COVID numbers are or any of the concerns of the body," Gutro said.

Committee member Courtney Perdios noted only a handful of people would typically attend meetings inside the Coddington Building prior to the pandemic. She said those wishing to speak at open forum could wait in an overflow meeting room or even the hallway outside the committee's meeting room.

"It seems to me you could fit a good number of people in the overflow room across the hall, invite them in to speak at open forum, they could watch live on the TV in there. You could have people lineup down the hallway if there is a long line during open forum," Perdios said.

"I'm not expecting you're going to get 500 people when you open up the meetings."

Members Kathryn Hubley and Emily Lebo both said they supported that idea.

Members Paul Bregoli and Frank Santoro suggested alternative locations.

Santoro said the meetings could be held at Quincy High School, but Lebo said members have trouble hearing each other there. There were also concerns raised about whether or not QATV could broadcast and livestream a meeting from inside the school; QATV was able to broadcast a February joint session of the City Council and School Committee held inside the building's cafeteria.

Bregoli said the committee should consider using the City Council chamber inside City Hall. Mayor Thomas Koch, the chairperson of the school board, said he was unsure if councillors would resume in-person meetings in the new year.

Koch suggested Mulvey could reach out to Marli Casli, the city's health commissioner, to work out a plan to let the public back into the Coddington Building in some way.

"Maybe he can come down...and come up with plan going forward to try to keep them here," Koch said. "Here, we do control everything. It's our people that control the TV, it goes out

on our channels, et cetera, et cetera.

"It's probably the best bet to try to stay here, so just try to figure out how you mitigate it to happen."

"If 100 people show up, it's probably too many for that room," Koch added, referring to the overflow meeting room. "We've got to have some parameters on how we do it."

The mayor said he hoped

to have the situation figured out before the committee meets again.

The committee's next meeting, an organizational meeting, is set for Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. The next two regular meetings after that are scheduled for Jan. 19 and Feb. 9, both at 6:30 p.m.

There are also several subcommittee meetings on the schedule for January and February.

## State Likely To Extend School Mask Mandate, Mulvey Says

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go without masks.

"That's just one logistical piece," he said. "That's something will we have for you at the next School Committee meeting for sure so you can have an informed discussion about where to go with in particular North Quincy High School."

Earlier this fall, the school district partnered with Manet Community Health Center to host a vac-

cination clinic at Quincy High School. Some 400 people received the vaccine at that clinic, Mayor Thomas Koch told The Sun previously.

Mulvey said the district is working together with the Quincy Health Department and the Kraft Foundation to plan two more clinics in the near future.

The superintendent also provided the latest COVID-19 case numbers for the

school system at the Dec. 8 meeting.

In the two-week period between Nov. 24 and Dec. 7, Mulvey said there were a total of 84 cases of COVID-19 among students and 10 among staff members.

In the prior two week period – Nov. 10 through Nov. 23 – there 55 cases of COVID-19 among students and 12 among school staff, according to data available on the school system's website.

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three years on the School Committee prior to joining the City Council in January. Andronico said sought the appointment to the Ward 2 seat at that time because the district has been well-served by previous councillors and he wanted to continue that tradition.

"Ward 2 has been really lucky over the decades stretching all the way back to Ted DeCristofaro, Dan Raymondi and of course Councillor Croall to have someone in that position that really fights for the community and steps up," Andronico said. "I felt I

had something to add to the community and continue to be that type of voice and fight for my neighbors at City Hall to make sure that we get the attention and the funding that we deserve."

The transition from School Committee to City Council was a smooth one, Andronico said.

"It was certainly different. Just coming off of being the vice chair on the school committee and running meetings when you are dealing with all at the same time, searching for a new superintendent, transitioning out of schools for COVID and back into the

schools, dealing with social justice issues, all at the same time," he said. "We were meeting upwards of two times a week at certain points. We didn't take the summer off – we worked all the way through."

"To go from that to the council was certainly different. It's a lot more constituent work, getting to know your neighbors. But, for the most part, it was a smooth transition I think because of that experience in the School Committee and also my experience in my day job with the state legislature as a communications direc-

tor."

On Nov. 12, students at both of Quincy's high schools walked out of class to protest racism and hate speech. When asked about the protest, Andronico said he supported the students' right to free speech. Andronico also noted he proposed creating the School Committee's equity, diversity and inclusion subcommittee in July 2020 while serving as the board's vice chairperson and that Mayor Thomas Koch earlier this year formed an EDI commission led by Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain.

"I believe in students' right to free speech and to stand up for what they believe in. They are calling attention to an issue and experiences that they have," Andronico said of the Nov. 12 walkouts.

"During my time on the school committee, I, as vice chair, established the EDI subcommittee where they have a structure and a place to talk about these types of issues. I think what we've seen over the past year plus is that type of format is needed. I do know my colleague Councillor Cain is working to chair the social

justice commission on the city side to see what we can do.

"But this work in general, it takes time, and for the most part we need to be open to listening. That's the big thing. My experience in the city is going to be different than that of any of my neighbors and you should never be afraid to have a conversation to see things from a different point of view and see what you can do better. That applies to this issue and it applies to any other issue we have in the city."

## Good Deeds: Christmas Movie Trivia

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**#10** What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"

**#11** "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is..." - Elf

May all the songs and spirit of the Christmas Season bring you happiness and health. There is no great prize being given out if you did well answering these trivia questions. However, I certainly hope Santa Claus is good to you. To everyone a joyful and happy holiday

season.

**Answers:**

#1 New York City  
#2 Scott Calvin (SC)

#3 North Pole  
#4 Wings  
#5 Syrup  
#6 The Abominable Snowman  
#7 Bags  
#8 Join in any reindeer games  
#9 Ebenezer  
#10 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
#11 Sing loud for all to hear

## DA Morrissey Warns Not To Use Gift Cards To Pay Debts

New guidance pushed out by the Federal Trade Commission earlier this month says that telephone scammers are trying to dupe their targets into submitting payments using gift cards more than ever, and that overall losses continue to rise.

"We have seen these reports coming in to local police departments, substantiating what is being seen federally," Norfolk County Dist. Atty. Michael Morrissey said. The FTC reported tracking \$148 million in fraud in the first 9 months of 2021 – more than the total for all of 2020.

"The scams involve callers targeting unwitting

people by pretending to be from the IRS, the Social Security Administration, a judicial official or common bank or business," DA Morrissey said. "They claim that there is some immediate consequence, like an arrest warrant or fine, if payment is not made instantly – then they tell their target that the fastest way to pay is to buy gift cards and read those numbers over the phone."

The catch, according to Morrissey and law enforcement nationwide, is that legitimate companies never, ever do that. "In the moment, if the caller's threats make their adrenaline kick in and that warps their decision process, many have

been tricked into complying," he said.

Scammers are leaning hard on common brands like Target, Apple, Walmart, Google Play, and eBay gift cards.

While some companies, like eBay and Google Play need to be contacted through their online customer support mechanisms, some of the most commonly misused brands have toll free numbers for immediate help, including: iTunes at 888-275-2273 (say "gift

card" to connect to a live person); Target at 1-800-544-2943; and Amazon at 1-888-280-4331.

Even if a consumer only realizes that they have been duped after they have read the gift card number to the person on the other end of the phone, if that consumer reaches the company before the card has been redeemed, the funds can often be frozen and eventually refunded to them. Having the card and the original receipt is important in that process.

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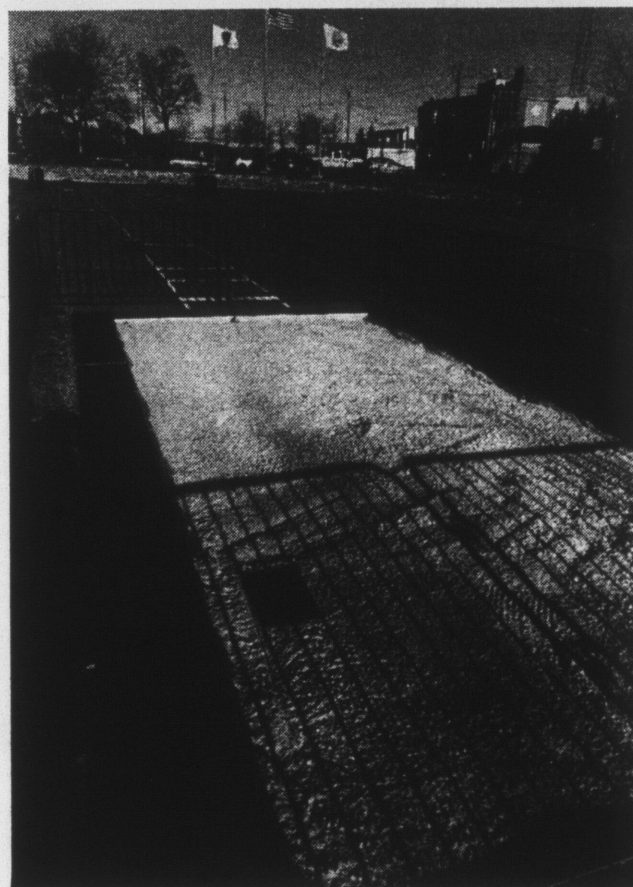
# Quincy-North Quincy Winter Track Results

Patriot League Meets this winter are conducted in "Jamboree Style" meaning no dual meet scores.

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600 meters	Girls	Salma	Boukhtam	1:43.68
Long Jump	Girls	Melanie	Chretien	12'10.25"
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Shotput	Girls	Kiera	Sleiman	26'03"



THE TRACK FACILITY at Faxon Field just got upgraded as new IAAF Olympic caliber sand was brought in to replace the old sand. Read Bros. of Rockland supplied the sand. Congratulations to Natural Resources Director Dave Murphy, Project manager Paul Doherty and Emergency Management Director Ally Sleiman for seeing this through. Other photo below.

Photos and story courtesy of Geoff Hennessy

## Quincy Boys' Hockey Down Brookline, 2-1, In Opener

By TOM JOYCE

Put a tally in the win column for the Quincy High boys' hockey team.

After enduring a rebuilding year last year, the Presidents enjoyed success in their opener.

In their return to the ice, the Presidents did what they needed to do to secure a victory. The Presidents hosted the Brookline Warriors at the Quincy Youth Arena Dec. 11, and had strong defense, goaltending, and a sharp performance from one of their experienced forwards. The result? The Presidents picked up a 2-1 victory and improved to 1-0-0 on the season.

Senior goaltender Danny Freeman shined in net for the Presidents; he recorded 23 saves on 24 shot opportunities as he picked up the win. Meanwhile, senior forward Cooper Hernon shined on the attack. He scored both goals for the Presidents. Senior defenseman and captain Zach Galligan had the assists on both of those goals.

Brookline is also coming

off a bit of a rebuilding year plagued by the coronavirus pandemic. The Bay State League Carey Division team played seven games last season and went 1-5-1.

After a down year last year where they went 3-10-0 with a younger team, the Presidents have experience on their side this season. They only lost two seniors to graduation last year, an indication that they have a lot of returning varsity talent.

That includes players on all sides of the ice. They return a pair of Patriot League All-Stars, for example. Senior forward Joe Hennessy and junior defenseman Cam Quigley earned that honor last year, and will be key contributors to the team's goal scoring efforts.

They will have plenty of help from other experienced varsity players as well. Junior Will Martin, as well as seniors Cooper Hernon and Timmy Kelly have been key contributors to the team's offense over the past couple of seasons, among others — something that will likely

continue this season.

Defensively, senior Zach Galligan will be another leader for the Presidents alongside Quigley. And in net, the team returns Daniel Freeman, a three-year varsity starter.

Unlike last season, the Presidents have a senior-heavy team. Those seniors in the program this season include: forward Jerry Caldwell, forward Joseph Hennessy, forward Cooper Hernon, defenseman Thomas Murphy, defenseman Zach Galligan, defenseman Tyler Larsen, forward Patrick Walsh, forward Timmy Kelly, goaltender Danny Freeman, and forward Daniel Pakkala. The team's head coach is Ted Walsh Jr.

The Presidents season came to an end last year with a 3-1 loss to Plymouth North in the first round of the Patriot League Cup. This year, however, that tournament is no more. Teams are back to playing full-length regular season schedules and the MIAA postseason tournament is back. The difference this year, however,

is that the MIAA has now shifted to a statewide play-off format where teams play against other teams in their respective division that are from all around the state. If the Presidents make the tournament, they would play other Division 2 teams, not just ones in the MIAA's old south section.

Making this tournament isn't a matter of just wins and losses. The MIAA uses a power rankings system where the top 32 teams from each division end up mak-

ing the playoffs; it factors in strength of schedule as well as a team's record.

Additionally, because teams are back to playing close to their normal regular season schedules, they are playing non league games once again. All 13 of the Presidents' games last season came against Patriot League opponents. Meanwhile, the team has 19 games scheduled, at least three of which are against non-league opponents.

For boys' hockey, the Pa-

triot League will be slightly smaller this season -- and a little less challenging. Patriot League teams also had the added challenge of Hingham, traditionally a non league team in hockey, playing in the league last season due to the pandemic. However, the one game the Presidents had scheduled against the powerhouse was postponed and never rescheduled due to a coronavirus outbreak in Hingham. The Presidents are not

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NEW IAAF Olympic caliber sand was brought in to replace the old sand at the Faxon Field track facility. Read Bros. of Rockland supplied the sand. Photo Courtesy Geoff Hennessy

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# Merrymount Park New Home For Adams Statues

By **SCOTT JACKSON**

The pair of statues of Adams family members that were once located in Quincy Center could be moving to a new home in Merrymount Park as soon as this spring.

The Quincy Partnership had commissioned the two statues — one of Abigail and John Quincy Adams and the other of John Adams — more than two decades ago. The statues had been located outside the United First Parish Church and City Hall, respectively, before they were removed from the area as construction of the Hancock-Adams Common got underway.

Ed Keohane, the chairman of the Quincy Partnership, said the statues will be placed inside Merrymount Park as soon as this spring, though their exact location within the park is still being worked out.

"The site has been approved for the statues to be placed in Merrymount Park. The exact location in the park is being discussed," he said in a phone interview. "In the springtime, they could be located there."

Various locations within the park are being considered for the pair of statues, Keohane said, and the site will be chosen both for the visibility it would provide them and for its proximity to Central Middle School, to help students better appreciate the role the members of the Adams family played in the history of the United States.

The Partnership had spent several years looking for a new location to place the statues, Keohane said.

"It's been a little frustrating," he said of the process, "but we wanted to make sure it would be a good placement."

There are two other statues of John Adams in Quincy — one inside the Hancock-Adams Common in Quincy Center and the other inside Freedom Park on Burgin Parkway — and Keohane said the group wanted to find a location that was somewhat set apart from the others.

He said four locations, including the Adams birthplaces on Franklin Street, were considered for the statues.

"We considered four locations and this one seems to be working out the best," he said of Merrymount Park.

Merrymount Park consists of land donated in 1885 to the then town of Quincy by Charles Francis Adams II, grandson of John Quincy Adams, Keohane noted, meaning the statues will be located on land once owned by the Adams family.

The two Quincy Partnership statues were both sculpted by the late Lloyd Lillie. The statue of Abigail and John Quincy Adams was dedicated in 1997, and the statue of John Adams was dedicated five years later.

Lillie, who died in February 2020, created a number of other notable statues in his lifetime, including the likenesses of Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach and Boston Mayor James Michael Curley, both located in Boston's Quincy Market.

The two Adams statues were removed from Quincy



**BRONZE STATUES OF Abigail, a young John Quincy and John Adams (left and right photo respectively) appear headed for a new home: Merrymount Park. The statues were removed from their previous spots in Quincy Center near City Hall and United First Parish Church to make way for the Hancock-Adams Common.**  
*Quincy Sun File Photos/Robert Bosworth*

Center as work got underway on the Hancock-Adams Common, which was dedicated in 2018. The three-acre park in Quincy Center, which connects the United First Parish Church, City Hall and the Hancock Cemetery, includes a new statue of John Adams as well as a

statue of John Hancock. Sergey Eylanbekov was chosen to sculpt those statues from a pool of more than 50 ap-

plicants.

Eylanbekov was also commissioned to sculpt statues and busts of the seven generals with ties

to Quincy honored within the new Generals Park in Quincy Center. Those were unveiled in September.

## First Baptist Church Of Wollaston

First Baptist Church of Wollaston, 81 Prospect Ave., Quincy, is open for everyone.

For those who have not fully vaccinated, continue to wear mask and safe distance. However, on-line worship will continue.

The online dial-in/Zoom weekly meeting schedule:

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. Vietnamese Worship Service @ Fellowship Hall: Pastor Duc

- Sunday 10:30 a.m. English Worship Service — Interim Pastor: Rev Bill Swilling

- Thursday 6:30 PM Bible Class — Book of Revelation — Pastor Paul Lee

- Friday 11 a.m. Prayer Group Meeting.

The church will not have an Evening Service on Dec. 24.

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# City Observes 80th Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor Attack

By TOM GORMAN

On a quiet, sunny, December Sunday morning in 1941, more than 300 of the Japanese Imperial Navy's fighter planes carried out a surprise aerial attack on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii, killing over 2,400 American servicemen and launching the United States into World War II the next day. Last Tuesday, Dec. 7, Quincy veterans, officials, and residents gathered at the city's World War II Memorial in Mount Wollaston Cemetery to observe the 80th anniversary of the attack and honor those killed and injured.

"There are days that our country should never forget; one would be this day, Dec. 7, 1941," said Charles Hurd, commander of the Quincy Veterans Council. "There are men on this day, that we as a people and a nation, are forever indebted to."

Hurd noted there were a total of 3,581 American casualties - 2,403 killed and 1,178 wounded as a result of the "unprovoked attack."

"Their bravery, commitment, and sacrifice are only known firsthand to them," he said.

The number of World War II veterans - including the survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack - is quickly dwindling. Hurd said it is the duty of the country to carry on a remembrance of that day.



QUINCY VETERANS COUNCIL Commander Charles Hurd, left, and Junior Vice Commander Steve Dunlea, center, prepare to place a memorial wreath at the Quincy World War II Memorial in observing the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. Quincy Sun Photos/Tom Gorman

"Today there are very few men alive to tell the series of events of that day," he said. "Their duty, sacrifice, and honor can only be imagined or taught to us in history lessons. So, we must always remember to give thanks to those men who endured so much that day to

preserve our way of life and freedom that we still enjoy today."

Added Hurd, "These men truly understood that freedom is not free, and that it comes at a great cost. Our gratitude and respect to these men shall never be diminished or forgotten

through time."

It just before 8 a.m. Hawaiian time on that Sunday in 1941 that the first of two

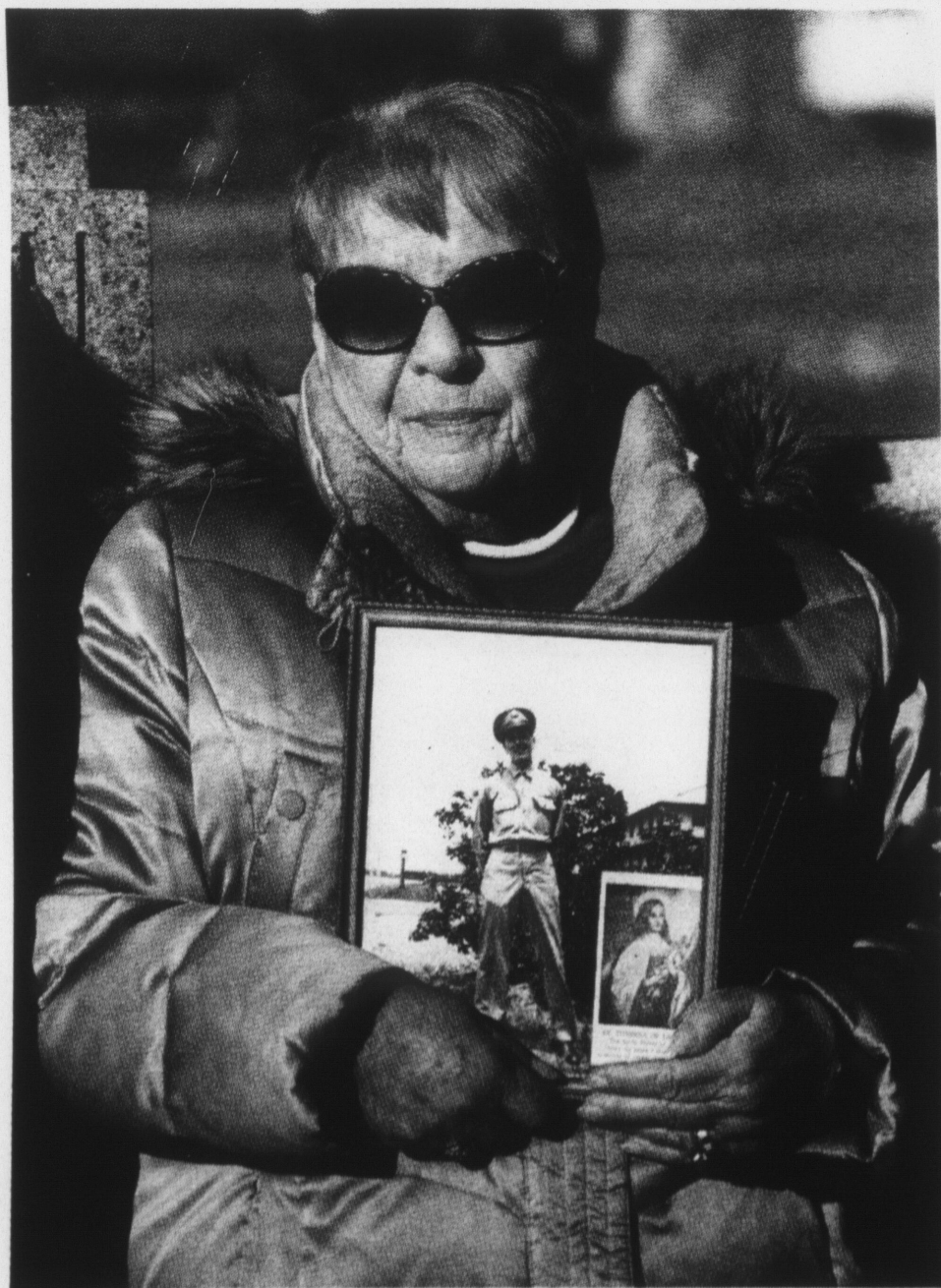
waves of Japanese fighter planes and dive bombers, launched from six aircraft carriers, attacked the base,

home of the U.S. Naval Pacific Fleet. Simultaneous attacks were also carried out

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GEORGE BOUCHARD of Quincy Veterans Services salutes the memorial wreath at the Quincy World War II Memorial at Mount Wollaston Cemetery on the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Inscribed on the granite memorial are the names of the 255 Quincy residents killed during the war.



CAROL WALSH of Quincy holds a picture of her late godfather, Santo Napoli, a Quincy Point native, who died while serving in the Philippines during World War II.



VETERANS SALUTE during a ceremony observing the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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A CONTINGENT of Navy sailors from the Quincy Naval Operations Support Center salutes to honor those killed and wounded during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.



MORRISETTE AMERICAN LEGION Post 294 Past Commander Robert LaFleur plays Taps.

## City Observes 80th Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor Attack

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in the Philippines, Guam, and Midway.

Numerous ships and aircraft were damaged including the eight battleships docked at Pearl Harbor, four of which sank. All but the USS Arizona were later raised and six returned to service. The USS Arizona remains submerged in 40 feet of water with a memorial spanning the center of the hull. To this day, oil continues to seep from the sunken ship – the final resting place of 1,177 of its crew.

Quincy's Veterans Services Director George Nicholson noted that Massachusetts lost 39 servicemen, including several from Quincy, in the attack.

"This city suffered one of the largest casualty rates in the country," he said.

Nicholson paid tribute to the daughter and son of the late Frank Connolly, Quincy's last surviving veteran from the Pearl Harbor attack, who were in attendance at the ceremony.

"They are here to commemorate this day and add a personal touch to what we are trying to do here," he said.

Following a prayer by Rev. John Swanson, Mayor Thomas Koch spoke about how current and future generations need to be better educated of how and why the United States entered World War II and the actions it took to end the war. He pointed to an incident last summer where a group of high school students vilified the World War II memorial in the North Quincy High School atrium, calling the veterans it represents "murderers" and that they should not be honored.

Koch explained that he was criticized for being "hard on these kids" when he denounced the students' actions and called out administrators for "not doing a good enough job teaching our history."

"Today we honor the men and women and who



MAYOR THOMAS KOCH notes that today's generation needs to be educated on why the U.S. entered World War II. "Evil still exists today, and we have to do a better job teaching young people the facts," the mayor said.



QUINCY VETERANS COUNCIL Commander Charles Hurd said, "There are days our country should never forget; one would be this day, Dec. 7, 1941."

served and obviously remember those who died," he said. "But part two of that is, to tell the story...As we all know history repeats itself."

The mayor continued, "It was very clear in that time period there was evil and good. Evil still exists today...We've got to do a better job of teaching our young people the facts. Let us work harder on teaching our young people what sacrifice is all about...This incredible society we enjoy today didn't just happen... Our country wouldn't be here without our veterans."

City Council President Nina Liang expressed gratitude to the city for having ceremonies paying tribute to the sacrifices of veterans that she attributed to "why we are all standing here

freely today."

"A heartfelt thank you to all of you," she directed to the veterans.

Liang asked that everyone "take a moment to remember the sacrifices of veterans, not just today, not just in these moments, or just on anniversaries, but every day."

A memorial wreath was placed near the honor roll of Quincy's World War II veterans by Hurd and Quincy Veterans Council Junior Vice Commander Steve Dunlea. The memorial bears the names of the 255 Quincy residents killed during the war.

American Legion Post 294 Past Commander Robert LaFleur then played Taps.

Nicholson explained how



"AS LONG AS one of us is still breathing, the Quincy Veterans Council will observe this day in perpetuity," Quincy Veterans Services Director George Nicholson tells the gathering.



REV. JOHN SWANSON offers a prayer as officials and veterans pause.

the attack "woke a sleeping giant" and how quickly the country rallied to gear up for its fight. He noted the technologies and innovations that came about and the acceleration of the quality of life that carried for decades and to this day.

"We still benefit today from all that was done the day after Pearl Harbor," he said.

Nicholson said there are only about 200 Pearl Harbor survivors left, two from the Arizona.

"We are fast approaching a time when this will be a memorial, period," he said. "We won't have any of these vets around anymore."

Nicholson vowed that the attack on Pearl Harbor and the sacrifices and heroic actions of that day will always



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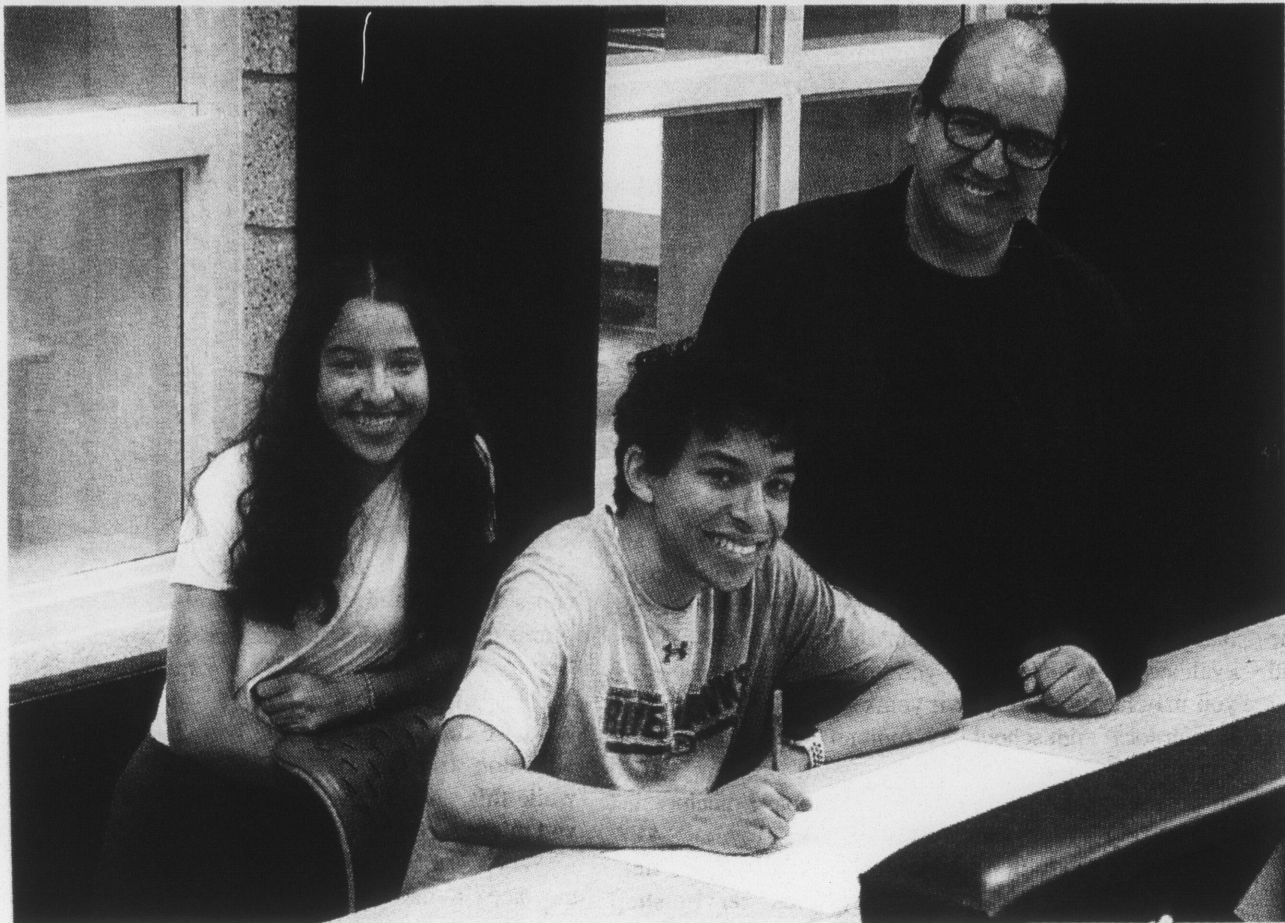
be commemorated.

"As long as one of us is still breathing, the Quincy Veterans Council will observe this day in perpetuity," he said. "This is not just a celebration, an observa-

tion, or a memorial, it is an education. Generations now and to come must know the value of what this day actually means and what our diligence is required in order to keep what we have."



## Quincy High's Hatim Boukhtam Commits to UMass Lowell



QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL senior, Hatim Boukhtam, pictured alongside his sister, Salma Boukhtam (QHS Class of 2024) and father, Soufaine Boukhtam, recently signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and athletic career at University of Massachusetts Lowell. Hatim will major in business while running cross country and track for the River Hawks. UMass Lowell, a member of the America East Conference, offers Division 1 athletic programs. This past fall season, Hatim was named Patriot League Fisher Division MVP in Cross Country. He placed second in the Patriot League Championship Meet and 11th overall in the MIAA All-State Meet.

*Photo Courtesy Quincy High School*



RICKIE, a Chihuahua decked out in a fashionable pink coat, watches the foot traffic at the Salvation Army Community Leader kettle Dec. 10 at the Hancock-Adams Common near the Quincy Welcome Center. *Photo Courtesy Anne Mahoney*

## Housing Authority, Santa, First Responders Take Part In Germantown Tree Lighting

THE ANNUAL TREE Lighting at the Palmer Street Circle in Germantown was recently held. The event featured a small rolling parade with the Quincy Police and Fire Departments visiting every street in Germantown to spread some holiday cheer. There was also music and presents donated from different charities were given to children in Germantown. Santa also greeted youngsters and took photos with fans and helped in the countdown for the tree lighting. There was also hot cocoa and pizza at the event. The tree lighting was coordinated by the Quincy Housing Authority with help from workers and volunteers.

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## Santa's Mailbox Outside City Hall Until Dec. 23

The Quincy Christmas Festival Committee reminds residents that the exclusive mail box for "Letters to Santa" is located on the Hancock-Adams Common near the main entrance to City

Hall (glass annex building), 1305 Hancock St.

The mailbox will be in place until noon on Thursday, Dec. 23. The colorful mailbox has been designed for young children to have

easy access and send letters directly to Santa at the North Pole without postage. The box is ideal for family photos. The mail box is a traditional activity of the festival committee.

## 8 Quincy Students On Xaverian Brothers Honor Roll

Eight students from Quincy have been named to the first quarter honor roll at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood.

They are:

Thomas Mantville, 10, Ryken Honors; Nicholas Cerone, 10, First Honors; Emmett Gurwitch, 10, First Honors; Michael O'Callaghan, 11, First Hon-

ors; Kastriot Panariti, 11, First Honors; James Burke, 12, First Honors; Aidan Fleming, 12, First Honors; and Cameron Morgan, 8, Second Honors.

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# Fuel Smells, Burning Oil, Hazy Headlight Covers, 'Locked' Radio

## Ask John Paul: AAA New England's Car Doctor

I have a 2010 Ford Explorer Limited with the V-6 4.0 liter engine, with 158,000 miles on it. My ignition key is always getting stuck in the ignition. I can turn the truck on and off but the key will not go into the off/lock position so I can take the key out. I have been having this issue for about two years and when it first started, I would pull up the center console and press the button on the bottom of the gear shift and the key would turn and come out, but this method doesn't work anymore. The only way I can get my key out now is to disconnect the battery. Do you have any suggestions or anything that can help me?

The key removal inhibit solenoid which is part of the ignition switch receives battery voltage from the junction box through fuse number eight. When the shifter is moved to in and out of park, the circuit is completed and prevents the ignition switch from being turned to the off position and the key removed. The issue could be the solenoid, ignition switch, wiring or even debris keeping the solenoid from working properly.

I got a new evaporative vapor canister and purge valve installed in my car. Would using fuel additive such as Lucas, Heet or Techron damage the elements inside? What are symptoms of bad fuel? Also, can a fuel issue cause rough shifts?

Evaporative fuel systems that trap fuel vapor so it can be reburned when the engine is running become most often damaged from overfilling the fuel system. When the fuel nozzle shuts off don't try to round up more than a few cents. Overfilling the fuel system can force liquid fuel where only vapor is designed to be, which will damage the system. In other cases, mud, dirt and even spider webs can cause a problem. Bad or contaminated fuel can result of poor running, reduced fuel mileage and hard starting. Yes, a poorly running engine in some cases can result in poor shifting.

My car, a 2004 Toyota Camry, has a gas smell. What could be wrong and what will it need to repair it? Would I be better off to sell it and get a new car?

The fuel smell could be a leaking fuel line, rusted gas tank, leaking fuel filter or any other part of the fuel system. If you can find a shop with an exhaust gas analyzer, these tools are great at sniffing out fuel leaks. Regarding cost, if the gas tank needs replacement the total cost could be \$1,000. Should you have the car fixed or sell it? You can only make that decision once you know what is wrong with the car as well as evaluated the overall condition. With limited vehicle inventory and high car prices, if your car is in decent shape spending \$1,000 to keep it running safely for a few more years could be money well spent.

We have a Honda Odyssey, and it burns oil. The Honda dealer told us it will cost \$5,000 to repair it. Would an independent shop be cheaper and what can I do until I can afford to fix it?

Some Honda engines, the 3.5 liter in the Odyssey, Ridgeline and Pilot had an issue with pistons and piston rings. There was a class action lawsuit that extended the warranty for eight years with no mileage limit. I would call Honda customer service directly and depending on the age of the vehicle the repairs may be covered. Until you get use to the rhythm of the oil consumption, check the oil often and add to it as soon as it is one quart low. Even if the repair is not covered under warranty, you can buy a lot of oil for \$5,000. By keeping the oil full you can drive this vehicle for a long time.

With the recent cooler weather, both of our family cars had the low tire lights come on. I'm pretty good at checking the air pressure. Why does this happen?

Air pressure changes with temperature. As a rule, for every 10 degree drop in air temperature your car's tires will lose about one pound of air pressure. As an example (this happened to me), the last time I checked my car's tires it was an unseasonably warm 70-degree day and then that weekend it dropped to 26 degrees. With normal air loss and the drop in temperature the tires which normally have 31 PSI or air had 26 pounds of inflation and that was enough to turn on the low tire warning light.

I read you column recently and enjoy it and there was a question about a spilled dinner soaking into the seats. I'm retired from the industry, and we would use brake cleaner to wash away oil and grease. Perhaps this would work to remove Alfredo sauce? The chemical was very similar to what is found in dry-cleaning solution. Perhaps try this and of course, check for color fastness first.

Yes, I have also used brake cleaner to clean off grease and oil stains. The major chemical is tetrachloroethylene which is somewhat dangerous when used as directed but can be very dangerous when heated. When tetrachloroethylene is heated or burned during combustion it can turn into phos-

gene gas. Phosgene gas was used as a weapon during World War I. Now manufacturers have developed non-chlorinated brake cleaners which work well for brake cleaning but I'm not sure about alfredo sauce.

I have a 2013 Nissan that I like and want to keep maintained without having to pay someone to do it for me. I'm learning to fix my car on my own, but some things are hard to identify. For instance, my car is kind of rough on the road and I'm not sure why. I have great tires on it and everything seems to be in order. But it's kind of rocky and sometimes when I brake, I hear a clicking noise. Any thoughts?

The best place to start is to fully check the steering and suspension system. At nearly nine years old it is possible that there are worn struts, strut mounts, stabilizer bushings, ball joints or tie-rods. At his point, have a professional shop evaluate the vehicle. Once you know what is wrong then you may be able to repair it yourself. You might even see if your local high school or community college has a basic auto repair course. Having access to a lift, proper tools and an experienced instructor can make the repairs much easier.

Almost 17 years ago we purchased a Toyota RAV4. It has a four-cylinder engine and currently it has only 109,000 miles on it. I use an independent service shop now that the car is old. I took it in for an oil change and tire rotation and I had them check for a whining noise. They checked everything and agreed they heard it but couldn't find anything wrong. They checked the car from top to bottom and didn't find anything mechanical and there are no lights on the instrument panel. The noise happens at low speeds, and it may be there driving faster but the road noise is a little loud. The noise is driving me nuts. Any ideas?

I would start by removing the serpentine drive belt and see if the noise goes away. I suspect the issue is a noisy idler pulley. Over the years Toyota has come up with a new design pulley and mounting bolts and washers.

What is the best way to get rid of the haze that takes place over time on my headlight covers? To me the haze is affecting how the lights are working.

The plastic headlight lenses turn cloudy due to ultraviolet light. You can bring the car to a repair shop where they can buff out the lenses to get them back to a clear look. You can also try to do it yourself. You can buy a kit that has a special buffing compound, very fine sandpaper and in some cases a buffing wheel that you attach to a drill. To get a good results it will take a little time and effort. Once the lenses are clear, then it is important to apply a UV protective coating to help prevent the haze from reappearing. You are correct that in some cases badly clouded headlights can limit up to 90 percent of the light output of the headlight bulb. If the headlights are too badly damaged, then you may need to replace the entire assemblies.

I have a Ford Escape and I disconnected the battery to clean the connections and now the radio is "locked". I purchased the car used and have no idea about a lock code. Can you help?

I have seen some online resources but have never used them. Typically, you will need to remove the radio and get the serial number. Once you have the number, you can call a Ford dealer to get the unlock code. This is also a good reminder of using "keep-alive" memory when cleaning battery terminals or replacing a battery. Typically, at AAA we attach a portable jump-pack to the battery cables to maintain power to the cars electrical system when testing or changing a battery to preserve the car's memory.

I recently had my 2018 Ford Escape back to the dealer and asked about a whirling noise coming from the rear driver's side door when driver's door is opened. This does not occur every time, so it is hard to pin point. Naturally, it never happens at the dealer's shop. I was, however, told that it is a common problem on some Es-



JOHN PAUL  
AAA's Car Doctor

capas and F150 pickups. They told me it was the fuel pump priming the engine for easier starts. Have you heard of this problem at all? My question to the dealer is what is the fuel pump doing in the door because that is where the noise is coming from? I have also felt the vibration with my hand on the outside of the door once while this was happening. I would appreciate any info you might have on this.

Your Ford Escape uses two fuel pumps: a fuel pump mounted in the gas tank and high-pressure pump that mounts on the engine. When you open the driver's door, the fuel pump is energized to prime the fuel system for quicker starts. The vibration is traveling through the car. My only concern would be if the noise or vibration becomes more apparent/louder. If that happens, I would have the dealer take a second look at the issue.

My husband has a new VW Jetta. The oil needs to be compatible with VW 508 00. He wants to change the oil himself and we have no idea what to get. Help!

Volkswagen uses a specific oil but there are equivalent-non-Volkswagen oil. The oil is a 0W-20 weight fully synthetic oil and according to Volkswagen; Castrol Edge and Valvoline European Full Synthetic as two popular oil brands that would be suitable.

I have a Toyota Camry and I was just wondering with winter on its way if stuck in snow, is it better when trying to get unstuck with the additional weight of a full tank of gas?

Depends on the car and where the gas tank is located. On a front wheel drive like your Camry that extra 50 pounds of fuel might take a little weight of the drive wheels and reduce traction. With an all-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive vehicle the extra weight could be an advantage and add traction. For me I would rather have a full or close to full tank of gas to avoid running out of fuel in bad weather and becoming stranded.

My son has a 2021 Honda HR-V with all-wheel-drive. He is interested in adding a hitch with a Thule bicycle carrier. He recently purchased an electric bike that weighs about 85-92 pounds. Does this vehicle have enough towing capacity to carry an E-bike of this weight?

According to Honda the towing capacity of the HR-V is 1,500 pounds, and the tongue weight is 150 pounds. In this case the trailer tongue weight (the weight on the hitch itself) is the more important number. Factor in the weight of the bike carrier which is about 50 pounds and the 90-pound bike, the combined total weight is close to the limit but still under the 150-pound maximum tongue weight.

I purchased the Hyundai Kona EV new a little over two years now and it has been a good car for me. I consulted with you before purchasing a Charge Point charger for our garage as well. Hyundai recalled my EV battery a while ago. They asked us first to charge the car outside and not in a garage and then after a visit to the dealer to reduce the charging capacity to 80 percent (and we could resume charging inside) while they figured things out. The dealer now wants me to return to

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# Quincy High Girls' Basketball Falls To Malden Catholic

By TOM JOYCE

The Malden Catholic High girls' basketball team had a lot of success shooting the ball in the second half.

Malden Catholic trailed by 14 points at the end of the first half, but managed to pull off a comeback win over the Quincy Presidents in Quincy on Dec. 10. The Presidents dropped their opener, 57-49.

It was a game where the Presidents outscored their foe in each of the first two quarters; they led 30-16 at the end of the first half.

While Malden Catholic got the first basket of the game, the Presidents quickly took a 4-2 lead. Alyssa Hopps (6 points) had a bucket, then the Presidents got the ball back after a

Malden Catholic shot clock violation and Antenella Ibrahim (6 points) hit an unguarded layup.

There were a couple of minutes where neither team scored, but Malden Catholic tied things with a layup. Mary Saccoach (10 points) then got a combined three points for the Presidents on the next two possessions: first on a deep two-pointer and then on a free throw.

Malden Catholic responded with a layup in coverage — and the Presidents had a quick 5-0 run to pull ahead. Hopps had a free throw and both Lena Waldron (17 points) and Paige Mann (4 points) scored on layups. Malden Catholic broke the streak with a layup with 1.9 seconds re-

maining in the quarter. The Presidents led 12-7 after one quarter.

Caroline Campbell (4 points) started the second quarter with a free throw for the Presidents and Waldron followed it up with a shot under the basket following an offensive rebound.

Malden Catholic responded by hitting a three-pointer before Waldron had back-to-back layups for the Presidents. Malden Catholic would respond with a no-look basket shortly after missing a pair of free throws midway through the quarter.

Nearly two minutes later, Mann juked out a defender for the Presidents to put them up 23-12.

The teams continued trading scores. Malden Catholic got a layup on its next possession, and Saccoach took the ball up the middle and got a layup for the Presidents shortly thereafter.

And Malden Catholic responded with a layup on its next drive. The Presidents then closed out the second quarter with a 5-0 scoring run. Waldron scored after grabbing an offensive rebound with about a minute left in the quarter. Saccoach added three more points: one

on a long two from outside and another on a free throw with 13 seconds remaining. This gave the Presidents a 30-16 lead at the half.

Malden Catholic then began to close the gap in the second half, outscoring the Presidents 15-6 in the third quarter. While Hopps, Saccoach, and Ibrahim all had baskets for the Presidents in the third quarter, Malden Catholic's defense was tough and forced a few turnovers. Malden Catholic finished the quarter on a 6-0 scoring run capped off by a fast break. Additionally, Malden Catholic had the first basket of the third quarter about two minutes into it. The Presidents still led 36-31 after three quarters.

The Presidents added to their lead in the first minute of the fourth quarter with a deep two from Ibrahim and a free throw from Waldron. However, Malden Catholic responded by going on a 14-0 run that flipped the outcome of the game. It started with a pair of three-pointers with a pair of missed free throws by the Presidents sandwiched between the possessions. That made it a one score game. Then, with 4:58 remaining, Malden Catholic had another three-

point play: a basket and a foul. The team made the free throw and took a 40-39 lead. About 25 seconds later, the Presidents called a timeout. However, after the timeout, the team had a turnover on a pass that went out of bounds. Shortly after, Malden Catholic scored on a layup and followed it up with a three-pointer with 3:30 remaining.

Waldron brought the Presidents within three points twice with a pair of three-pointers, but Malden Catholic responded with a three after the first one. After the second trey from Waldron, the Presidents

trailed 48-45.

Both sides had some missed shots after that—including a pair of missed free throws by Malden Catholic. However, Malden Catholic scored on a layup and once the team got the ball back after a missed shot by the Presidents, the home team called a timeout with 1:24 remaining. The Presidents then started fouling and Malden Catholic had some success at the free throw line — hitting seven straight free throws. Hopps had a free throw and Campbell had a three-pointer in the final minute of the game for the Presidents.

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scheduled to play Hingham during this regular season.

The next contest for the Presidents will take place this Saturday, Dec. 18 on the road against the Duxbury Dragons. The game will take place at The Bog in Kingston (5:40 p.m. start time).

After that, the team isn't scheduled to play for another

nine days due to the Christmas season. After Christmas, they will face off against the North Quincy Raiders at the Quincy Youth Arena on Dec. 27 (7:30 p.m. start time) in the Quincy Youth Arena Holiday Tournament.

Two days later, they will play an opponent to be determined in that same tournament.

## Ask John Paul

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have the battery retested. What do you know about this situation? I certainly would prefer to have a battery at 100 percent capacity, and a safe one to boot. Is this a negotiable situation or do I follow their lead?

At this point you need to continue to work with the dealer and Hyundai. You purchased a car with a certain range (battery degradation accepted) and recharge capability and that is what you should have. Limiting the battery charge to 80 percent (similar to Level III high speed charging) is kinder to the battery and assuming safer. Combined with Hyundai extensive powertrain warranty and lifetime battery warranty I would be patient and let Hyundai find the proper solution to the battery issue.

**My 2015 Subaru outback will not go back to idle once it is fully warmed up if I coast in neutral. It stays at 1,500 RPM until I come near to stopping. If the A/C is on, it will go to 1,000 RPM coasting. Before warmup it goes to 750 RPM coasting.**

Is this something new with the car? Many cars will hold a higher idle to keep vehicle emission lower and improve battery charging. When the throttle is closed quickly vehicle emissions go up and alternators provide less charging output. Keeping the engine speed, a little higher until the vehicle speed slows down minimizes this. The idle speed is only measured when stopped, with the engine fully warmed up. The idle speed in neutral without the A/C on is 700 RPM—plus or minus 100 RPM. With the A/C on the RPM is about 900 RPM. If this is something new, then the issue could be a sticking/damaged throttle plate.

**My Chrysler 300 car gets 19 miles per gallon and I'm currently paying about \$3.99 per gallon for 91 octane gasoline. Now that I am driving back and forth to work, what can I do to improve fuel economy and lower my weekly fuel costs?**

The old adage of easy on the gas and brake are still true. Anytime you accelerate quickly or brake aggressively you are wasting energy/fuel. Maintenance is also important, check tire pressure at least once per month. According to the EPA, keeping tires properly inflated can improve fuel economy by up to three percent. Speeding also reduces fuel economy, reducing your speed by 5 to 10 MPH can improve fuel economy by 7-14 percent. Combine trips to be more efficient and look at your overall driving habits and try to save 10-15 miles per week, the fuel saving adds up. Finally, if your car's manufacturer recommends and doesn't require premium fuel, save money and use 87 octane.

• I'm relieved that Quincy Public Schools has hired a diversity and inclusion officer. I just hope School Superintendent Mulvey will now get out of his / her way and let the officer do what's necessary and long overdue.

• Superintendent Mulvey's comments, soon after Quincy High students walked out in protests of the toxic, racist school environment, still bother and irritate me. To sum up his comments, he said that students should not protest but go back to school so they won't miss any school days and miss any educational time. Excuse me, Superintendent Mulvey, but what's more educational than to stand up to bigotry and hate?? What's more educational than to put what one's learn in school into action in the real world?? Mr. Mulvey, YOU should learn from these students, also.

• Since there is now a diversity and inclusion officer in the public school system, why not also have one to oversee the city's hiring practices and departments? Many have long complained about having little diversity among city employees, especially in both the police and fire departments.

How about it, Mayor Koch? I know you appoint-

ed a committee to look into the lack of diversity, but an officer would show Quincy residents that you are more serious and more committed about having a diverse workforce. And PLEASE don't tell us that civil service rules and regulations handcuff you and prevent you. That's a lot of b.s. Try harder.

• I've always despised the traffic lights installed in front of Presidents Place in Quincy Center, in which flashing red lights mean cars will slow down and stop to allow pedestrians to cross. But most of the time, cars DON'T stop, and instead ignore pedestrians waiting to cross the street, or maybe cars aren't sure what to do when they see flashing

lights. Very confusing and dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers. These sets of lights should be taken down and cut into little pieces, hopefully, by the next new Quincy mayor because the present one won't ever.

• I'm sorry to read and hear that Governor Baker will not seek reelection. Even though he's a Republican in a heavily Democratic state, he turned out to be an effective state leader for all residents, listening for the most part to his staff, and did what was best for the state and country, and not for any political and personal gains.

We, as citizens and voters, must make sure that the next governor is NOT blindly loyal to his or her politi-

cal party; that he / she will do what's right and just, will listen to facts and follow the rule of law.

Democracy in this country is at a turning point in its history, and is in danger of being replaced by evil ideology likened to dictatorship or aristocracy. Let's work together now to stop those movements. One of the first steps towards that goal is right here in our own backyards by electing a new Massachusetts governor who will do what's right and fair.

• Happy Holidays to all. Continue to Hope. Continue to have Faith. Do small Acts of Kindness.

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# Helping Hands Stepping Up This Holiday Season

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year round.

"It has been incredible to witness the generosity and caring from our community during these challenging times," said Doane. "Quincy is an amazing city and its residents have truly rallied since the pandemic began to serve their neighbors in need."

For more information, visit [interfaithsocialservices.org](http://interfaithsocialservices.org) or call 617-773-6203.

## The Salvation Army

Since 1895, the Salvation Army of Quincy has served our community with food, clothing, and especially in this season Christmas assistance to families, providing them with toys and gifts, said Capt. Adam Boynton. With more families in need this year, they are in desperate need of people like you to partner with them to meet these needs.

There are several ways you can make an impact this year, Boynton said.

The Salvation Army's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Red Kettle Campaign. Boynton said the goal is to raise \$120,000 during the campaign, which runs from Nov. 20 to Dec. 24.

Money collected from the Red Kettle Campaign supports the work of the Salvation Army year-round.

"As we continue to deal with the effects and aftermath of the pandemic, we continue to see more people in need asking for our help with food, utilities, and rent," Boynton said.

"Please consider donating as you pass a Red Kettle located at Walmart, Star Market, Shaw's, Hobby Lobby, South Shore Plaza, and Stop & Shop. Think about it, if even half of the residents of Quincy gave \$5, we would exceed our goal!"

The Salvation Army also needs individuals, families, businesses, or service groups who can sponsor children to purchase clothing and toy items for its clients. Children's names, ages, gender, clothing sizes, and toy wishes are placed on an angel tag, which is given to the sponsor. You would shop for the child and then return the gifts to The Salvation Army, located on Baxter Street.

To sponsor a child and obtain angel tags, you can contact the Salvation Army office at 617-472-2345. You can also go to Walmart,

which has a Christmas tree with angel tags on it.

The Salvation Army also has Registry for Good at Walmart, where you can purchase toys and have them shipped directly to the group's offices. Simply go to [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com), search for registry, click "Registry for Good," and then search for "Angel Tree of Quincy Salvation Army."

"We are so grateful to be part of a community that looks out for their neighbor with incredible generosity," Boynton said. "We want to say thank you in advance for what we know you are going to do to help us meet our fundraising goal, to serve the families who rely on us, and thrust us forward to continue our year-round service of our community."

## Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds will be holding its annual food drive between Nov. 20 and Dec. 29.

"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a destination place to live and to work," said Register of Deeds William O'Donnell. "However, there are people throughout the county that

are truly hurting. Just looking at our monthly foreclosure numbers, we at the Registry of Deeds can see firsthand how people are being adversely impacted. Misfortune can strike anyone in a number of ways, from a job loss to a medical catastrophe to an elderly person on a fixed income."

O'Donnell noted that one out of every ten households in Massachusetts is considered food insecure, as are one out of every seven children in the state.

"As we near the holiday season, there is definitely a need for more food assistance," he said. "Household expenses are higher due to the cost of home heating fuel and also food bills are higher with kids home during school vacation. Let us be mindful during this

## Quincy Point Congregational Church

It is the third Sunday of the month on Dec. 19 and it is the monthly non-perishable food collection for Interfaith Social Services at Quincy Point Congregational Church. Collection boxes are located by the entrances to the church.

It is also the fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas

Thanksgiving season that others may be in need of our help."

Non-perishable food items can be brought directly to the Registry of Deeds at 649 High St. in Dedham. A donation bin will be set up in the registry lobby and food can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Suggested donations include canned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, sauces, toiletries and paper products.

If you cannot make it to the registry office, a list of local pantries can be found online at [norfolkdeeds.org](http://norfolkdeeds.org).

"Working together, we can truly make a huge difference this holiday season," O'Donnell said.

## Quincy Animal Shelter

Those looking to help out

our four-legged friends can do so this holiday season by supporting the Quincy Animal Shelter.

Sandra Sines, president of the Quincy Animal Shelter's board of directors, said there are several items the shelter is most in need of this year. They include gift cards to any grocery store or pet store; paper towels and bleach; Purina Pro Plan canned dog food; all varieties and any brand of cat and kitten food; and Yesterday's News Cat litter.

The shelter is also looking for volunteers with vet tech experience to join its medical care team, Sines added.

For more information, you can visit [quincyanimalshelter.org](http://quincyanimalshelter.org) or call 617-376-1349.

Sunday and worship takes place at 10 a.m. There will be both an Advent wreath lighting during worship and a special St. Nicholas Storytime. There is both live streamed and in-person worship at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St.

The church is accessible

to all with designated parking and an elevator on the Abbey Road Side of the church.

After worship gather in the downstairs Social Hall for "COVID-friendly" refreshments. While you are there, visit the Big Blue Q table to check out what is happening at the church.

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# OBITUARIES

## Sara G. 'Lee' McBurnie, 95

Sara G. "Lee" (Parker) McBurnie died in Milton on April 17 at the age of 95.

She was the daughter of the late James G. Parker and the late Julia B. (Paine) Parker and a direct descendant of Robert Treat Paine, signer of the Declaration of Independence. She was the loving wife of the late Walter S. McBurnie, devoted mother of five, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother, and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McBurnie never forgot her early years in Marshfield and later in Newtonville where she graduated from Lasell College. She also attended the Mary Burnham School for Girls in Northampton. She learned many skills from photography to beekeeping from her father and from gardening to the adventure, love, and importance of travel from her mother. She loved athletics (especially swimming in the ocean, horseback riding, and figure skating), sewing, needlepoint, spending time in the outdoors, singing,



SARA G. 'LEE' MCBURNIE

and playing the piano and organ. She passed along an interest in these activities to her children. Since the early 1970s Mrs. McBurnie was involved in exercise classes where she made wonderful forever friends.

Mrs. McBurnie started developing her artistic skills as a teenager and continued throughout her life. She especially enjoyed painting, sketching, cray-pas, and silkscreen. She was very talented in portrait painting, landscapes, and still life and did many commissioned pieces. Mrs. McBurnie was a member of several art associations and taught art classes to both adults and children.

Later in her 50s with three children still in school, after her two older daughters had graduated from college, Mrs. McBurnie attended Wheaton College in Norton to earn a bachelor's degree in art.

Mrs. McBurnie was also very involved with the Milton Women's Club and numerous church organizations, where she also made forever friends. She traveled to many places in the US and throughout the world and enjoyed sharing stories and photos of her adventures and learning of others'

adventures. During her later years she spent many happy hours at the senior center in Duxbury, returning to the area in which she had spent her childhood. Lee and Walter spent 30 years in Florida and made numerous friends during their tenure there.

Lee and Walter met on Humarock Beach following his service in World War II, married in 1948, resided in Milton for almost 50 years and raised their family there. They encouraged each child to pursue personal interests; supported them in scouts, sports, church, and other activities; and instilled in them the importance of being a solid citizen.

Mrs. McBurnie is survived by children Laurel J. McBurnie, Cynthia L. McBurnie, W. Scott McBurnie and wife Mary, Bruce A. McBurnie and Holly M. Kissane; grandchildren Natasha and husband Mark, Walter, Daniel, Sumner, and Dylan; and great-grandchild Portia.

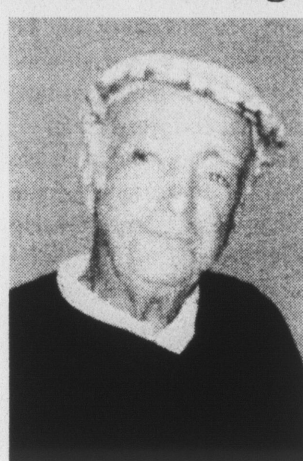
Due to COVID-19 restrictions Lee was buried with husband Walter in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, in a private family service in June 2021.

Friends are invited to join Mrs. McBurnie's family at a memorial service/celebration of life on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at the East Congregational Church in Milton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Duxbury Art Association, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, MA 02332.

Funeral arrangements were made by Dolan Funeral Homes.

## Donald J. McHugh, 94



DONALD J. MCHUGH

A Mass of Christian Burial for Donald J. McHugh, age 94, of Quincy and West Dennis, beloved and loving husband for sixty years of the late Geraldine (Coveney) McHugh, was celebrated Monday in St. John the Baptist Church, Quincy.

Mr. McHugh died peacefully in the early morning of Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7.

Devoted father and extraordinary role model to eight children: Donald McHugh of Quincy, Patricia Seidel of Scituate and her late husband, John C. Seidel, DMD, Kathleen Dodwell and her husband Peter of Portsmouth, NH, Michael McHugh and his wife Susan Callaghan of Cohasset, Steven McHugh and his partner Janet Stoff of Kennebunkport, Maine, David McHugh and his wife Elizabeth (Talbot) McHugh of Hingham, James McHugh and his wife Erika (Burns) McHugh of Cohasset, and Thomas McHugh and his wife Janet (Parker) McHugh of Pembroke.

Loving "Papa" of eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. He was also grandfather of the late Christin Seidel. One of five siblings, Mr. McHugh was a brother and friend of Richard McHugh of South Yarmouth and Columbia, MD, and was predeceased by Leo McHugh, Francis McHugh, and Dorothy M. May. Uncle Donald is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. McHugh was born in Boston, to the late Francis and Florence (Mitchell) McHugh. Raised in Roslindale, he was a graduate of Charlestown High School, Class of 1945. Mr. McHugh was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He achieved the rank of fire-

liams and Sacred Heart High schools from stringing Christmas tree lights, to a designated driver for the parish nuns. For years, in his signature low-keyed manner, he enthusiastically coached many of his boys' little league baseball and youth hockey teams.

As lifelong summer residents of West Dennis, Don and Gerry enjoyed watching Cape Cod Baseball League games along with his brother Dick and family. They could often be found sitting at West Dennis beach at the end of the day or just relaxing on their back patio, sipping wine with their Muenster cheese and crackers, with a Cape Cod radio station softly playing music in the background, always welcoming, including and feeding any unexpected family, friends/neighbors or strangers. Don and Gerry loved to travel, but family always came first, and that included a larger extended family. Don and Gerry would travel anywhere at any time to welcome a new grandchild or just to be a part of anyone's special life event.

In retirement, Mr. McHugh enjoyed his weekly golf and lunch outings with his good friends. It only took him eighty years to get his first and only hole-in-one. Mr. McHugh accepted losses as graciously as victories, always grateful and positive with a deep appreciation for life, friends and loved ones. He never had to say a word; his twinkling blue eyes said it all.

Interment, with Military Honors, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Memorial Contributions, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy.

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THIS NEWSPAPER

## Kathleen P. Blair, 69

A month's mind Mass for Kathleen P. (O'Connell) Blair, 69, of Naples, Maine and St. James City, Fla., formerly of Quincy and Medford, will be celebrated Saturday at 6 p.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Quincy.

Mrs. Blair died Nov. 23 in Florida.

Born in Boston to the late Gerald W. and Henrietta O'Connell. Mrs. Blair was raised in Quincy and was a 1969 graduate of North Quincy High School.

She was the wife of the late Ronald Blair and sister of Michael H., William, and the late Kevin G. O'Connell all of Quincy.

Mrs. Blair enjoyed her family, friends, and was an avid yard sale enthusiast.

She is survived by her brothers, step children, and her many nieces and nephews. A special acknowledgement and thank you to her longtime friend Jeannie Gallant.



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# OBITUARIES

## Tracey L. Towle

Tracey L. Towle of Quincy died Dec. 10.

Cherished mother of Victoria Homan of Quincy. Beloved daughter of William Towle of CA and the late Linda Towle. Former wife and friend of Anthony Del Greco of Quincy. Also survived by the loving Acciavatti family and so many other relatives and friends.

Ms. Towle enjoyed na-



TRACIE L. TOWLE

ture and belonged to the

Rag Dolls Bowling league in Quincy for many years.

Visiting hours are Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Hamel Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock St., Quincy.

A celebration of life for Ms. Towle will be held Jan. 2 at 11 a.m. in the Town River Yacht Club, Quincy. Please RSVP via email to amandamacneil@comcast.net by Dec. 27.

## John F. Jennette, 88

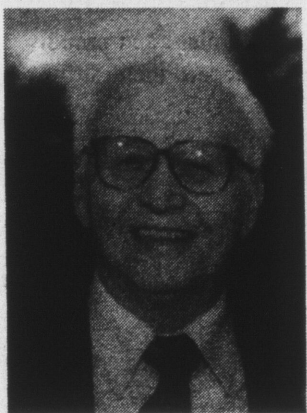
A funeral Mass for Deacon John F. Jennette was celebrated Dec. 11 in St. Joseph's Church, Quincy.

Mr. Jennette died peacefully Nov. 30 at the age of 88, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Boston; the only child of John and Helen Jennette. He resided in both Quincy and Braintree. Mr. Jennette married the love of his life, Anne M. (Joyce) Jennette on Aug. 25, 1956 and enjoyed 63 loving years of marriage. His greatest passion was watching his family grow into four generations and leading a life of faith and love.

Mr. Jennette was predeceased by his wife, Anne. Loving father of eight children, Karen (Brian) White, Loveland, OH, John III, Norfolk, MA, Susan (Rich) DiPietro, Weymouth, MA, Mark (Terri), San Diego, CA, Paul (Laura), Weymouth, MA, Kevin (Dawn), Mansfield, MA, David (Alison), Weymouth, MA, and Brian (Heather), San Diego, CA. Beloved grandfather of 20 grandchildren, Corey, Eric, Lauren, Suzanne, Kristen, Jessica, Jordan, Ryan, Chelsey, Patrick, Alexandra, Shawn, Michelle, Michael, Nicole, Jake, Amanda, Kyla, Fiona and Graham. Great Grandpa to five great-grandchildren - Isaac, Reagan, Jackson, Eleanor and Andi.

Mr. Jennette served his



JOHN F. JENNETTE

country in the U.S. Army. When he returned, he married his sweetheart, and went on to start the foundations of a large, beautiful family. He graduated with a degree from Northeastern University and worked as the director of maintenance at the Boston Housing Authority for many years, and later as a construction manager for the New England Medical Center (presently Tufts). Mr. Jennette embraced a hard work ethic but enjoyed relaxing with his wife and children, camping and travelling. He also enjoyed spending time with all his family at "The Cottage" on White Island Pond in Plymouth which remains as a vibrant, family gathering place.

Deacon John was a deacon for 45 years at Saint Joseph's Parish in Quincy. His ability to connect with people made him a pillar in the religious community. He baptized over a thousand babies, ministered dozens of couples for mar-

riage and trained hundreds into the Catholic faith. His support, love and presence were felt during the many shared religious occasions with other parishioners.

Mr. Jennette had a way of celebrating life's simplest joys especially when it came to family, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He formed strong bonds with each and every one of them showing an interest in even the smallest things. He spent hours chatting and asking questions while helping navigate life, love, jobs, and faith. Mr. Jennette had a way of giving it to you straight all the while making you feel cared for loved and supported.

His announced laugh, overly loud, never failing "Happy Birthday Song," constant support and caring for others and unyielding faith in God will be missed dearly by all and most by his grieving family. His legacy will continue to live through his family, his community, and his love for Christ.

Interment with military honors at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Joseph's Church Food Pantry, c/o 556 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Dennis Sweeney Funeral Home, 74 Elm St., Quincy.

## NeighborWorks Housing Solutions

### Raises Over \$181,000 At

## 'Opening Doors, Changing Lives' Gala

NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, the leading housing service provider in southern Massachusetts, raised more than \$181,000 during its recent "Opening Doors, Changing Lives" Gala, held at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy.

Proceeds from the gala will support the programs and services facilitated by NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, including rental assistance, emergency financial help, shelter and homelessness prevention, first-time homebuyer education and counseling, and construction and management of high-quality rental housing across southern Massachusetts.

The event was held in-person following CDC protocols. There was a virtual event offered, allowing remote attendees to participate in a pared-down version of the gala and the silent auction. In-person guests were treated to lively games during cocktail hour, including corn hole competitions, sponsored by East West Mortgage and Jay Davis Law Group, putt-putt, and a unique "Door" game, paying homage to NHS's tagline "Opening Doors Changing Lives." In addition to the games, guests enjoyed a silent auction that featured vacations, high-end wine and spirits, and Patriots tickets, among other offerings.

The evening concluded with dinner, a compelling program, and raffles. Attendees learned more about NHS and their work in the community by hearing about a client who went from shelter to homeownership thanks to the programs and staff at NHS.

The gala's presenting



NEIGHBORWORKS HOUSING SOLUTIONS Board members Jeff Charnell of Brockton and David Kilnapp of Pembroke were among the guests attending NHS's "Opening Doors, Changing Lives" gala held recently at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. The event raised more than \$181,000.

Photo Courtesy NeighborWorks Housing Solutions

sponsor was NEI General Contracting. Founded in 1998, NEI has locations in Randolph, Massachusetts, and Ocoee, Florida. NHS has enjoyed a strong partnership with NEI and has collaborated on numerous projects including The Sycamore on Main, 48 units of workforce housing in Brockton, with commercial space on the ground floor.

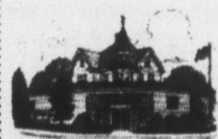
"We are proud to support NeighborWorks Housing Solutions," said Josef Rettman, president of NEI General Contracting. "The work they do for people in the community not only keeps people housed, but helps communities thrive."

We are happy to partner with NHS and are delighted to support their mission."

"We were absolutely blown away by the incredible support we received at this year's gala," said Robert Corley, CEO of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, noting that the event was the most successful to date. "Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person and virtually and special gratitude is extended to our many event sponsors. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors and our incredible staff, who worked tirelessly over the past year to continue to provide services throughout the pandemic."

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## Councillor, Fontbonne Alumna Nina Liang Shares Her Story With Alma Mater

(The following story was submitted by Fontbonne Academy.)

The Asian Affinity Circle student group at Fontbonne recently hosted and presented the School's bimonthly Community Circle event

### LEGAL NOTICE

**CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR  
OTHER PROTECTIVE  
ORDER PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 &  
§5-405**

Docket No. NO21P2935PM

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Norfolk Probate  
and Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
In the matter of:  
Margaret M. Pearson  
Of: Quincy, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be  
Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Cody Robyn of Mansfield, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Margaret M. Pearson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/05/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: December 07, 2021  
COLLEEN M. BOWLEY  
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with a special guest speaker: Quincy city councillor and Council President Nina Liang.

A 2006 graduate of Fontbonne, this was Councillor Liang's first time speaking to the student body and faculty community of her alma mater. Although the timing was coincidental, the appearance happened on the day after Liang's fourth successful election as a Quincy city councillor at-large, and she was able to revel in her accomplishments to an audience eager to celebrate with her.

Members of the student group offered introductory remarks about Liang to the community, citing her vast experience in civic and political engagement, as well as her direct involvement in addressing the needs of minority and marginalized citizens of Quincy. When Liang took the stage, she began by telling the extraordinary tale of how she landed in local politics, despite the intention of a 30-year plan that would take her far from home.

Born of Chinese immigrants, Liang was raised in Quincy, attended Quincy Catholic Academy and later Fontbonne Academy in Milton. After graduating from high school, she moved to New York City to attend Hofstra University; this is where she devised her 30-year plan to "save the world". While her initial plan involved law school,

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CLERK'S OFFICE, Providence/Bristol County. Notice to Michael J Soule Jr. and any and all parties in interest. In re: Brayden Maddox Soule born on December 17, 2015 and Joshua Michael Soule born on November 23, 2013 Case Number PJ21-003724 and PJ21-003728.** A petition has been filed in the Rhode Island Family Court to terminate your parental rights. The petition is scheduled for a hearing at One Dorrance Plaza, Providence, RI 02903 on **01/04/2022 at 2:15 PM**. If you do not appear on **01/04/2022 at 2:15 PM** an order will enter terminating your parental rights to the children.

Ronald J. Pagliarini,  
Administrator/Clerk,  
2/25/2021

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QUINCY COUNCILLOR Nina Liang stands with the Asian Affinity Circle student group at Fontbonne.



NINA LIANG speaks with the Asian Affinity Circle in their small group discussion.

Photos Courtesy Fontbonne Academy

lots of travel, and a lucrative career, she surprised herself and her family when she decided to move back to Quincy to help with the family business, serving as Operations Manager to her parents' restaurant group. After a few years building strong connections within the business and civic community of Quincy, while struggling with bureaucratic challenges and local construction set-backs, she was convinced by her friends and family to run for city council. Due in no small part to the countless hours Liang had spent volunteering and immersing herself in the needs of her community, she became the first Asian-American Woman elected to the council in Quincy's history in 2015.

With now over six years experience in the political arena, and a bevy of policy initiatives to her credit, she reflected on how she evolved in her civic career.

"My job is like trying to build a bike and learn how to ride it at the same time. While some of what I do is to approve funding for various projects, the bulk of it is about making policy; hearing people as they discuss their issues, and trying to build policy to address those issues," Liang mused.

"I grew up speaking English, but my parents did not. Witnessing their struggle with understanding where to go or who to talk with about their concerns informed my initiative that led to providing translation services for all parts of our city government. In order to serve social justice and to create equity for all citizens, I first needed to provide access. And now I hope to expand upon that in the coming year."

Liang cited her interest in social justice and equity issues as a product of the education she received at Fontbonne. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston (CSJ), Fontbonne integrates a deep concern for the "dear neighbor" through service, a charisma of the CSJs, with its rigorous academic program.

Liang noted that she felt challenged in the classroom, but embraced and supported by the community, both faculty and students. She reassured the students that they would be well prepared for the next stage of life, stating, "For those of you going to college next year, you're all set. This school [Fontbonne] made my first year of college so easy. I compared my experience with others in college who went to other high schools, and discovered that Fontbonne prepares you like no one else." She went on to express how her current efforts are a direct result of what was instilled in her during her time at Fontbonne, claiming, "The city of Quincy has a Social Justice Commission because of what I learned at this School."

Liang shared life lessons, as well, with the students, stating, "I had to learn to set boundaries for myself. You should feel empowered to set your own boundaries. And the boundaries you set for yourself as a sophomore may shift by the time you become a senior. That's okay, because it is entirely up to you. You get to define yourself and not let others categorize you." She further encouraged them, saying, "you may feel like right now there is so much pressure on you to make the best decisions for yourselves. I encourage you to be kind to yourselves."

It was this kind of advice

that inspired students like senior Dominique Habchi, who reflected, "I think Nina's talk was very inspiring for people of color, women, people of the global majority, people experiencing imposter syndrome about college or other decisions, or hesitation about next steps, or really just finding the right path on this journey — telling you to trust yourself, set boundaries, and be kind to yourself."

Another senior, Madeline Manno, stated, "I was inspired by Nina's talk, because it encouraged me that I may be able to do something impactful after high school. I enjoyed sharing a personal connection with someone like her because she is a Fontbonne alumna."

Senior Renee Han, who leads the Asian Affinity Circle, was thrilled with Liang's willingness to participate in the day's event, "I thought her talk was amazing and I learned a lot from it. I like how she broadly talked about the difficulties of being a minority woman, not just Asian-American. She was such a natural public speaker and I could really relate to her on a personal level. The topics and things that she covered were really inspiring and I could see that she was very passionate about her occupation." Han continued, "I relate to her story because as a minority and Asian-American woman, I could connect with her experiences with having

immigrant parents and the expectations that come with it. Additionally, I took away that you need to be kind to yourself and you don't need to put so much pressure on yourself."

Head of School, Maura Spignesi, who worked with Nina during her time at Fontbonne, offered, "Nina Liang was inspiring, authentic, humble and powerful, representing so proudly what all Fontbonne women stand for and are meant to become." Spignesi gave additional credit to the faculty and staff of Fontbonne, saying, "I am grateful to all who educated Nina and who teach our students every day to be women of courage."

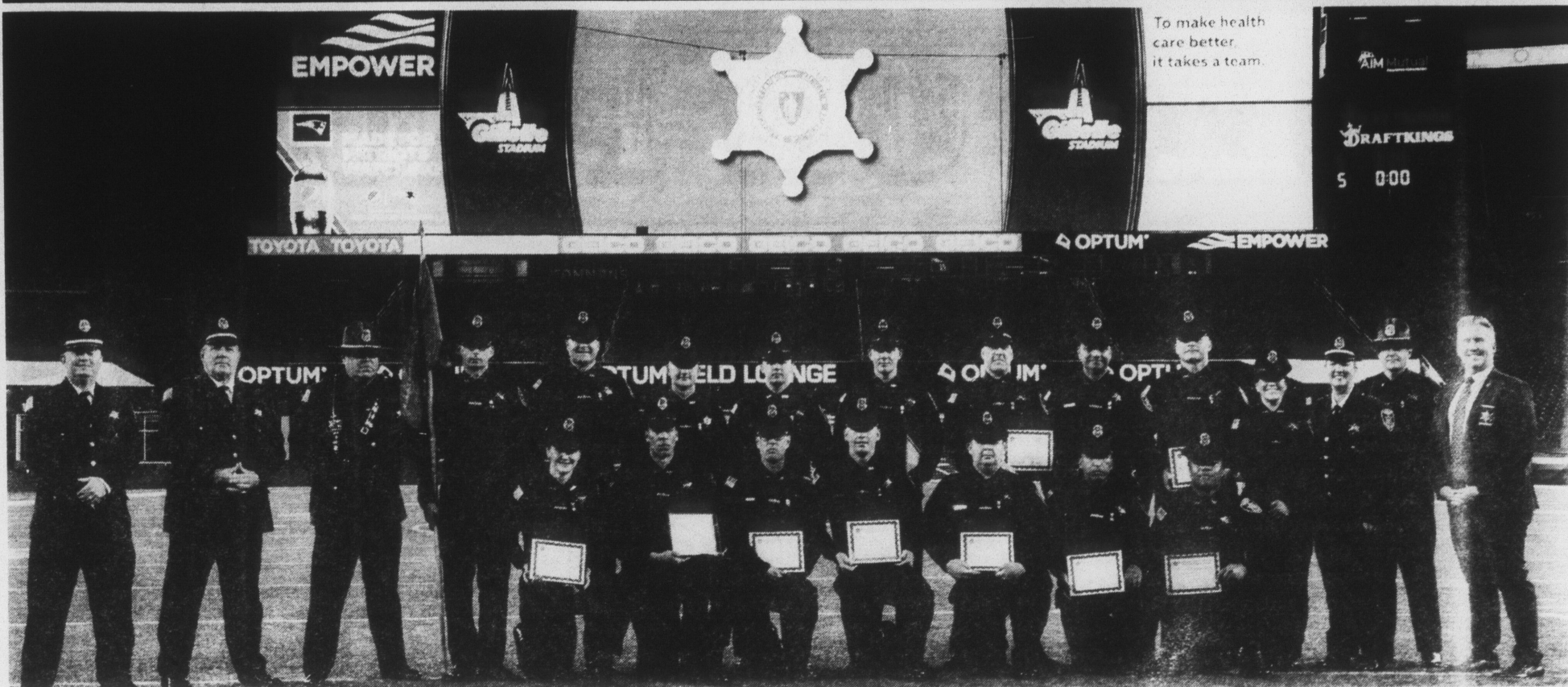
The Community Circle program at Fontbonne affords the students and the faculty at the school a chance to engage in "courageous conversations". Student-led, these discussions often revolve around sensitive issues where students are offered a safe space to hold "real" conversations with their peers, and to hear disparate points of view, offering them critical thinking and compassionate understanding. Held twice a month on Wednesdays, the Circles have been an aspect of the Fontbonne experience since 2015. Guided by Ms. Maria Sarte, the director of Mission & Ministry, the students plan and organize each event, and take the lead in each small group discussion.

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NORFOLK COUNTY Sheriff's Office new class of Corrections Officers. (Photos Courtesy Norfolk County Sheriff's Office)

## Norfolk Sheriff's Office Graduates New Class Of Corrections Officers, Promotes Captains, Lieutenants

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announces the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office recently swore in a new class of sixteen corrections officers at a graduation ceremony at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

Four officers were also promoted to the rank of captain and seven officers were promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the ceremony.

"As Sheriff, I want to make sure that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has the highest caliber men and women working on my staff," said Sheriff McDermott. "These new officers will join a team of highly-trained and hardworking corrections professionals, and I am incredibly proud of how hard they have worked

to get here. I am also very proud to be able to recognize our new captains and lieutenants, who have demonstrated their commitment to our mission of public safety at the NCSO."

The new corrections of-

ficers who have joined the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office are:

Nathan Carroll, Guerby Cenatus, David Lopez, Ryan McLaughlin, Stevie Orton, Timothy Reilly, Conor Riggle, Saeed Saadat, Scott

Strachan, Matthew Sugrue, Anthony Ticse, Andrew Treannie, Damron Yancey, Antoine Yazbeck and Robert Zarthar.

The officers promoted to captain include Stephen Linskey, Robert Russo, Jr., Kelly Cosgrave, and John

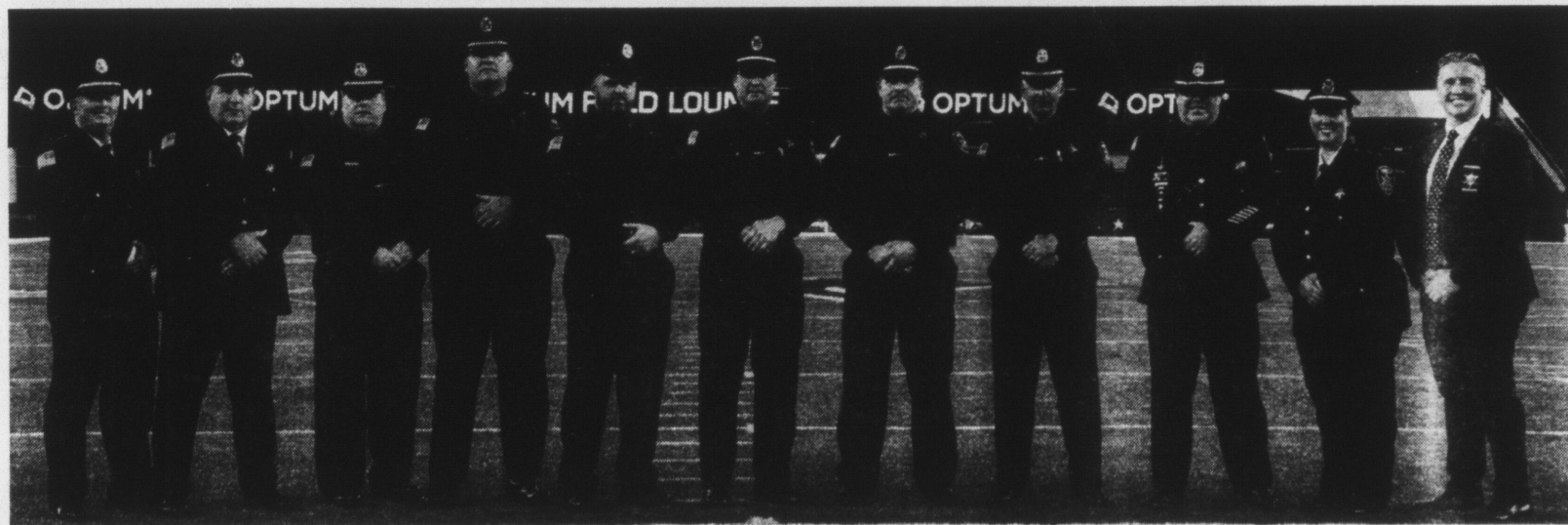
Kilrain, Jr. The officers promoted to lieutenant were James McQuaid, Stephen McCarthy, Patrick Weir, Todd DeBoer, William Ruprecht, Jr., John Nee, and William Morgan.

Sheriff McDermott also recognized the recent recip-

ients of the Norfolk County Heroes Award: John King, of Quincy, and Eric Hense, of Cohasset. Hense gifted the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office with four sensory kits that help first responders when responding to people with autism.



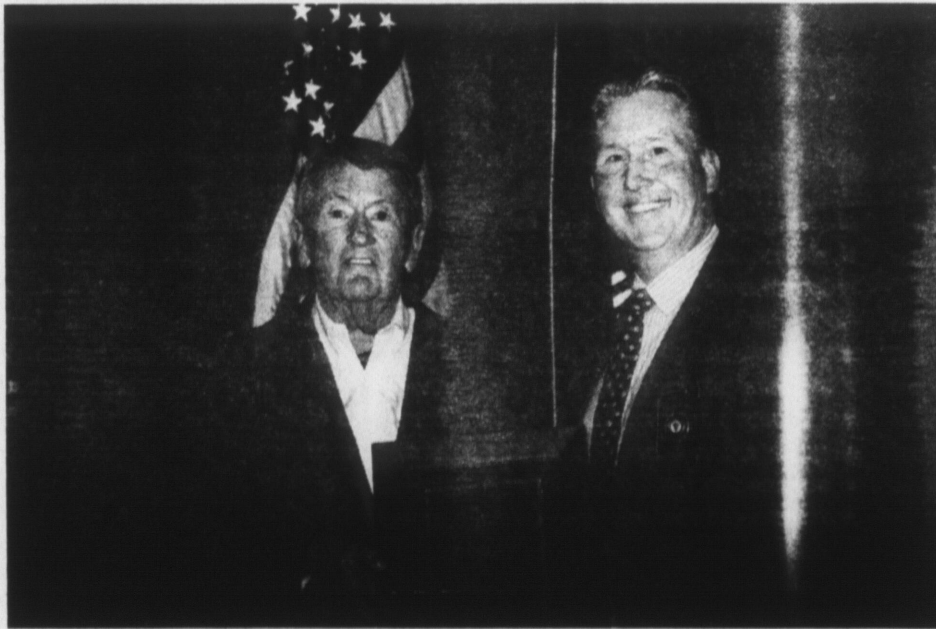
PROMOTED CAPTAINS, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office



PROMOTED LIEUTENANTS, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office



EAGLE SCOUT Eric Hense presents Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott with four sensory awareness kits for helping first responders responding to individuals with autism.



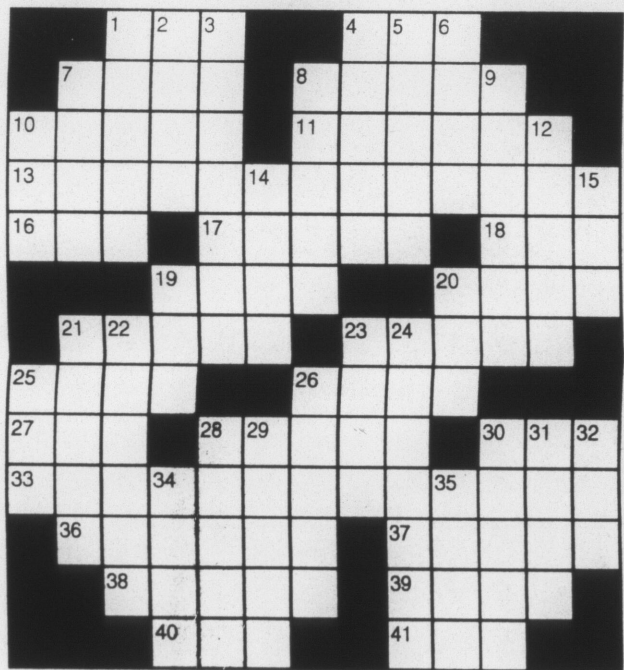
NORFOLK COUNTY HERO John King (left) with Sheriff Patrick McDermott



# SUN FUN PAGES

## King Crossword

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  - 4 Roast VIPs
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  - 8 Some tides
  - 10 Coffee-break hr.
  - 11 Mistakes in print
  - 13 Mitch Hedberg and Margaret Cho, for two
  - 16 Standard
  - 17 Cyber-commerce
  - 18 To and —
  - 19 Greet
  - 20 "Roots" author Haley
  - 21 Racing shell
  - 23 Red-tag events
  - 25 Poker variety
  - 26 \$ dispensers
  - 27 1040 org.
  - 28 Mideast peninsula
  - 30 Mimic
  - 33 "Don't slouch!"
  - 36 Spud
  - 37 Thin nails
  - 38 Brick worker
  - 39 Used car sites
  - 40 Med. plan option
  - 41 Away from WSW
  - 14 Gas co., for one
  - 15 Boston team, for short
  - 19 Paul Newman film
  - 20 Gore and Franken
  - 21 Vegas area
  - 22 Convention
  - 23 Luminary
  - 24 Good-natured
  - 25 Venus, to Serena
  - 26 Playwright Chekhov
  - 28 Tic
  - 29 "Life — short ..."
  - 30 Marble type
  - 31 Profs' degrees
  - 32 UFO crew
  - 34 Hexagonal state
  - 35 Press agent?
- DOWN**
- 1 Of an arm bone
  - 2 Writer O'Casey
  - 3 Unfair treatment
  - 4 "Thank you, Henri"
  - 5 Yule tune
  - 6 Pesky email
  - 7 Alpha follower
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  - 9 Repress
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  - 12 Farm units



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## MAGIC MAZE • WHITE —

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: THE STAFF OF LIFE

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mustache is added. 2. Glasses are removed. 3. Boots are different. 4. Pocket is added. 5. Parts are different. 6. Buttons are missing.

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light to travel from the Sun to Earth?
2. TELEVISION: Which comedian used the catchphrase "one ringie dingie, two ringie dingies" in a TV character sketch?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve nonconsecutive terms?
5. LANGUAGE: How many languages are spoken in the world today?
6. GOVERNMENT: Which branch of U.S. government is responsible for making laws?
7. SPORTS: Which famous

baseball pitcher's nickname is "The Chairman of the Board"?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of food do the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles love?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean does Bermuda lie in?
10. MATH: What is a prime number?

### Answers

1. Eight minutes, 20 seconds
2. Lily Tomlin, as telephone operator Ernestine
3. 254
4. Grover Cleveland
5. More than 7,000
6. The legislative branch — U.S. House and Senate
7. Whitey Ford
8. Pizza
9. Atlantic
10. A number that is only divisible by itself and 1

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as

quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

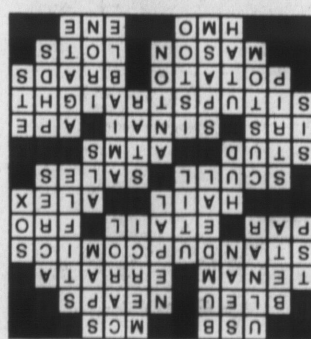
Clue: C equals T

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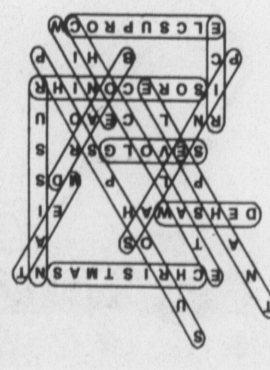
## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



CryptoQuip answer

## Magic Maze ANSWERS:



When the people ignored his two commands, the livid monarch gave them the third decree.

D  
E  
C

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6

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2  
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# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** — Jared Leto won an Oscar for “Dallas Buyer’s Club” (2013) and proved he’ll go the distance for his characterizations. In “House of Gucci” (which opened Nov. 24), he’s unrecognizable playing Paolo Gucci. On his first day (deep in character), he ran into Al Pacino (playing Aldo Gucci) and said “Dad.” Pacino didn’t recognize him, thought he was a weirdo and walked away. Later, Leto saw him again and said, “Father.” Pacino was rushing away until another cast member whispered, “That’s Jared.” Pacino turned, arms stretched out, and said “son!”

Leto also has “Morbis” (in IMAX), due Jan. 28, with former “Doctor Who” and “The Crown’s” Matt Smith. Morbis suffers from a rare disease and tries a dangerous cure that turns him into a vampire. What woman wouldn’t want him nibbling on her neck? Sequels are already in the works. Leto next stars for director Aron Aronofsky in “Adrift,” about a fishing boat crew discovering a ghost yacht in open sea (coming Aug. 19). Leto pursued the rights for 10 years and brought it to Aronofsky and Jason Blum; now all three are producing.

Meanwhile, Lady Gaga is getting a Cher “Moonstruck” Oscar buzz for “House of Gucci.” Critics are saying the film has a “Godfather” vibe and that Gaga is “incredible,” as is Jared Leto. Director Ridley Scott, a three-time Oscar director nominee for “Thelma & Louise” (1991), “Gladiator” (2000) and “Black

Hawk Down” (2001) and as a producer of “The Martian” (2015), has never won, though he did win an Emmy and was knighted in 2003. Scott is currently prepping yet another remake of “The Boston Strangler” (which starred Tony Curtis in 1968 and David Faustino of “Married With Children” in 2008). Keira Knightly plays the reporter who pursues the case, with co-stars Chris Cooper and Alessandro Nivola. Ridley Scott’s recent “The Last Duel,” with Matt Damon, flopped.

Once there were 13 soaps on three networks, but today there are just four left. A recent growth in their audience has kept “The Young and the Restless” at No. 1. “General Hospital” is No. 2, followed by “The Bold and the Beautiful” and “Days of Our Lives.” “Days” has received a two-year pickup from NBC, and thanks to the recent success of “Days of Our Lives: Beyond Salem” on Peacock, toplined by super couples Thaa Penghlis and Leann Hunley, and Deidre Hall and Drake Hogestyn, Peacock greenlit “Days of Our Lives: A Very Salem Christmas” (due Dec. 16), toplined by Emmy-winner Chandler Massey (in a recent Hallmark film) and Eileen Davidson. I met Thaa Penghlis on his first day at “Days of Our Lives,” and now he’s celebrating his 40th anniversary with the show. He’s such a great actor, you’d never know he’s from Australia ... “G’day mate!”

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## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	+		×		22
×		×		×	
	÷		×		16
-		+		+	
	+		×		16
21		25		17	

1 2 3 5 6 6 7 8 9

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## KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

**German Belsnickel**—Belsnickel is part of the Christmas lore of Germany, other German-speaking countries and the Pennsylvania Dutch, a community in the United States since the 1830s. He is a companion of Saint Nicholas, but while Santa carries a bag of gifts for good children, Belsnickel spreads candy for good children then beats the bad children with his whip. Today’s Santa Claus is fat and jolly, and dressed in a red and white outfit. Belsnickel wears a ragged beige coat with a rope belt and a fur collar.

Collectors of antique Christmas decorations look for old ornaments and figurines of Belsnickel used in the 19th century. They are often made of papier-mache. He has a long tongue and carries a sack of candy in one hand and a whip in the other. Christmas legends in the 19th century included other dark characters, including Krampus.

This antique German Belsnickel with a painted face and white beard is wearing a hooded white robe. It was auctioned at Cordier Auctions in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The unsigned figure sold for \$168.

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**Q: I have a bust of Madonna holding baby Jesus, which is marked “Goldscheider” over a large letter “G,” with “U.S.A.” underneath the letter. Below that, it has the copyright symbol and “American Goldscheider Corp.” What’s it worth?**

**A:** Frederick Goldscheider started a porcelain factory in Vienna in 1885. When Germany annexed Austria in 1938, the factory was taken over by the Nazi regime. Frederick’s son, Walter, immigrated to the United States in 1940 and founded Goldscheider-U.S.A. in Trenton, New Jer-

sey. The company became Goldscheider-Everlast Corp. in 1941. From 1947 to 1953, it was Goldcrest Ceramics Corp. The Goldscheider factory in Vienna was returned to the family in 1950. The business in America, now called Goldscheider of Vienna, is a wholesaler of religious statuary, including Madonnas that are imported from Italy. Your bust probably was made in 1940, before the company changed its name. Value depends on the size. Medium-size busts of Madonna sell for about \$125.

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### CURRENT PRICES

Icon, silver, Mary in red robe, holding Jesus, halos, high relief borders, 7 1/2 x 6 inches, \$225.

Christmas tree, stainless aluminum, silvered finish, 91 branches, tripod stand, in original box with tubes for branches, Evergleam, 1960s, 72 inches, \$240.

Judaica, menorah, golden gate, scripture, swiveling arms, dove, marble base, Frank Meisler, 11 x 15 1/2 inches, \$1,375.

Santa Claus lamp, figural, red robe, mound of snow, glass, opalescent, nutmeg burner, Consolidated Lamp & Glass Co., c. 1894, 9 1/2 inches, \$3,240.

**TIP:** Dust glass Christmas ornaments with a feather duster.

Learn about the record-setting prices scores of items have brought in recent years in the new Kovels’ Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide 2022. It’s the ONLY antiques price guide that empowers collectors with the most up-to-date price information based on actual sales and market data. Available in stores and online, it makes a great gift.

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## Strange BUT TRUE

- In Germany, you are allowed to drive your car naked, but not get out of it naked.
- A high-school principal once disciplined a student by making him sit in the basement while reading the U.S. Constitution. The punishment must have taken effect, because said student (who also memorized parts of the document) was Thurgood Marshall, who grew up to become the first Black Supreme Court justice.
- Male orb-weaver spiders give back rubs to their mates so they don’t get eaten.
- “Mbuki-mvuki” is a Bantu word for the irresistible urge to strip off your clothes while dancing.
- In 2002, Saddam Hussein’s campaign theme song for reelection was Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You.”
- For a single day in August 1998 and another in October 2018, Topeka, Kansas, renamed itself “ToPikachu” to mark the release of different

Pokemon games.

- Pule, the world’s rarest cheese, is made from donkey milk, something that was widely believed impossible since the liquid doesn’t coagulate. However, Serbian cheesemaker Slobodan Simic discovered a solution and now sells his cheese for over \$500 per pound.
- The Saturday falling closest to April 1 is International Tom Hanks Day.
- MLB pitcher Turk Wendell, “baseball’s favorite oddball,” would not only brush his teeth every inning, but at the start of same, would turn and wave to the center fielder and wait for him to wave back before proceeding.
- There are more English speakers in China than in the United States.
- In 1994, a man was arrested for dressing as the Grim Reaper and standing and staring into the windows of a home for the elderly.

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### Thought for the Day:

“The best teacher in the world is someone who loves what he or she does, and just loves it in front of you.” — Fred Rogers

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## Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- Save the peel on oranges and grapefruits. You can toss them on a fire for a nice smell.
- Fold and snip a coffee filter into a paper snowflake. Lay over an iced cookie or cake to sift a sugar design on top.
- “When planning to visit my hometown for the holidays, I set aside a few hours to take the kids to the park or a nice playground. I message all my old friends and classmates with kids (Facebook is great for this) a few weeks ahead of time and let them know when I’ll be there. It’s great to catch up while the kids play, and even if no one shows up, we still have a fun break.” — F.L. in California
- “When there are big family jobs to be done (like getting ready for the holidays), we write all the tasks down on slips of paper and put them in a hat. We take turns choos-

ing tasks until all the paper is divvied out. Sometimes we trade, but we all get a fair chore list.” — V.O. in Oregon

• Make a holiday cheese ball simply: Combine a package of cream cheese with a cup of finely shredded cheese (your choice) and 1/3 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt. Form into a ball, roll in coating of your choice (dried fruit pieces, chopped nuts, spices, etc.) and chill. Wrap in a pretty cellophane bag and bring with pita chips, crackers or pretzels as a hostess gift.

• “Wax drippings from candles can be scraped off of most hard surfaces with the side of a credit card.” — T.E. in Kansas

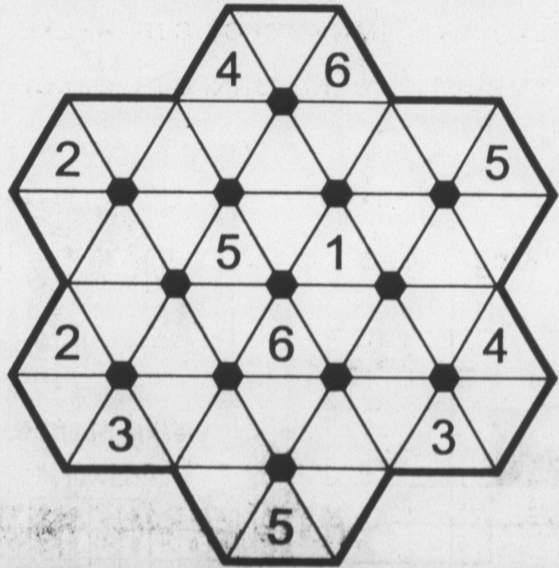
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

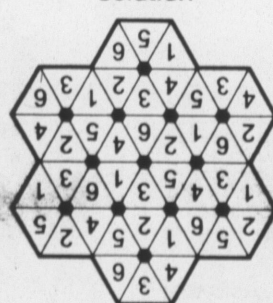
Here are some trivia questions:

- 1) Animals that are active at night are nocturnal; if they are active at twilight, they are crepuscular; if they are active during the day, they are 2.
- 2) What word ending in -ology is the word which means “the study of honeybees”?
- 3) What do you call a person who eats fish but no other meat?

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## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## Go Figure!

answers

21	25	17			
9	7	+	+	+	6
16	8	×	3	÷	6
22	2	×	6	+	5

## Stickels Answer

- 1) diurnal
- 2) apiculture
- 3) pescetarian



# Super Crossword

ENGLISH QUINTET

## ACROSS

- 1 Tribal carving
- 6 Beatle Ringo
- 11 Depict with bias
- 15 Ellipsoidal
- 19 Earthy tone, to a Brit
- 20 Magazine release
- 21 Irene of "Fame"
- 22 Central point
- 23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"
- 26 Kazan with three Tonys
- 27 Carp in a garden pond
- 28 Football's Manning
- 29 "— my way!" ("Scram!")
- 30 Cathedrals' main areas
- 31 Necklace of 12-Down
- 32 Strong product-selling influence
- 36 Toon skunk Le Pew
- 39 Nonstick cookware brand
- 41 Ending for priest
- 42 In-favor vote
- 43 Partly joking

## DOWN

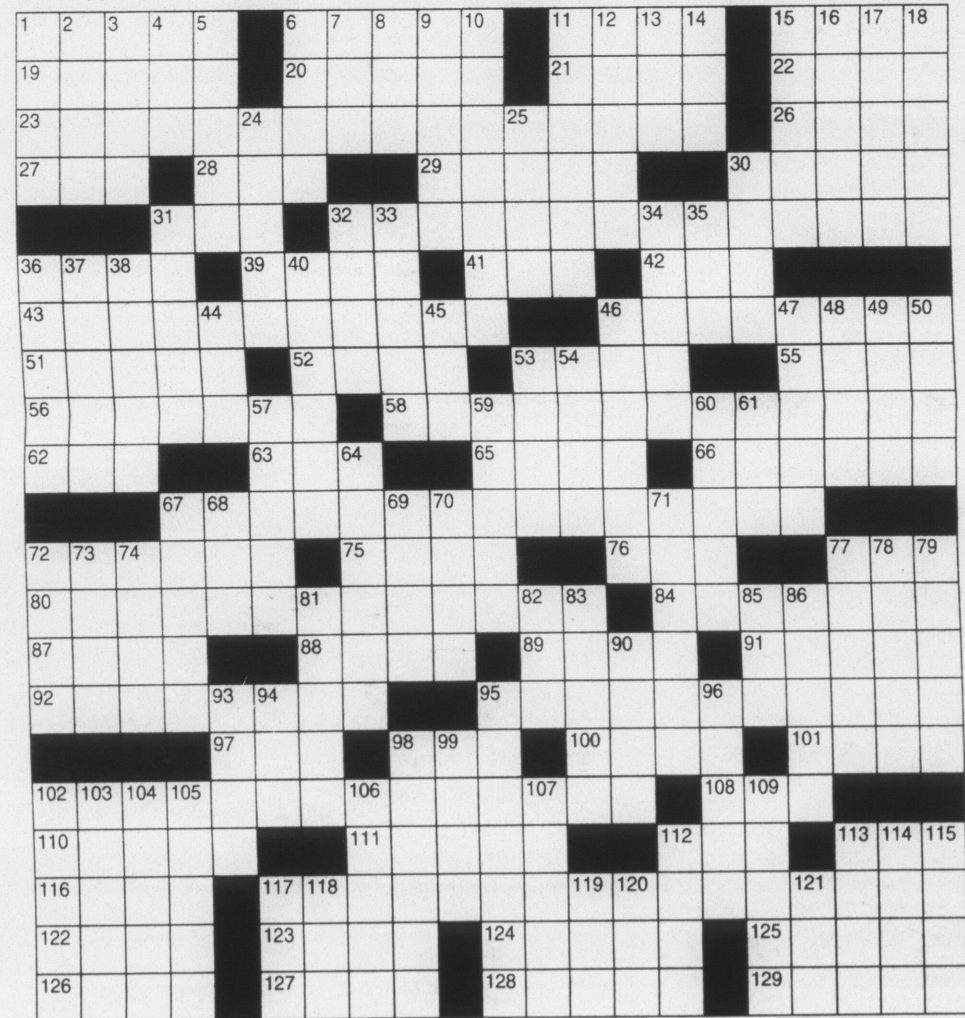
- 46 Shabby hotels
- 51 Striped stone
- 52 "Are you — out?"
- 53 Currency of Belgium
- 55 Dormant
- 56 Able to feel
- 58 Taking a rolling pin to
- 62 Period
- 63 Add- (extras)
- 65 Brings a civil action
- 66 Snare loops
- 67 What the Australian Open is played on
- 72 Druids, e.g.
- 75 Burn soother
- 76 Bruins' Bobby
- 77 Purpose
- 80 Black Protestant denom. since 1821
- 84 Have coming
- 87 Green shade
- 88 Blood-related
- 89 Daddy
- 91 Pond buildup
- 92 Expected saviors
- 95 Gave a worthy effort
- 97 — ray Disc
- 98 Long-headed antelope

## ACROSS

- 100 Florence's river
- 101 Pod items
- 102 Franz Liszt piano piece in 3/4 time
- 108 Purpose
- 110 In regard to
- 111 Conga relative
- 112 Standoffish
- 113 Animal kept in the house
- 116 Feudal VIP
- 117 Crossing during a journey
- 122 Balladeer
- 124 Ho-hum feeling
- 125 Volunteer's offer to be sent
- 126 Disaffirm
- 127 Male tabbies
- 128 Regards as
- 129 Sequence found in this puzzle's nine longest answers

## DOWN

- 1 Tick follower
- 2 Eight, in Madrid
- 3 Bangkok resident
- 4 Fumble
- 5 Rumble



# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q: Is NFL football reporter Jac Collinsworth related to longtime announcer Cris Collinsworth? He sure looks like him. Did he ever play football like his dad? — N.C.**

**A:** Yes, 26-year-old Jac Collinsworth has joined NBC Sports, the broadcast home of his father, Cris Collinsworth, who hosts "Sunday Night Football" with Al Michaels on NBC. You can see Jac on the sidelines Sunday nights, and while some might scream "nepotism," Jac seems like a natural talent who was hired on his own merits. According to SportingNews.com, Jac has been working in front of and behind the camera since he was in eighth grade. He worked as a sports reporter while attending Notre Dame, but was never a college athlete like his father. Cris Collinsworth, who is now 62, played for the Florida Gators and then subsequently the Cincinnati Bengals. Before joining NBC, Jac worked for ESPN as a host and features reporter. When Cris learned that NBC executive Sam Flood wanted to make his son an offer, he pleaded with them not to, saying that Jac was doing

great making his own mark at ESPN. Flood explained that the network needed to build their young talent pool and that Jac was "the best I've seen."

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**Q: I recently saw the movie "House of Gucci." I always wonder how accurate these biographical films really are and what the family must think of how they are portrayed. Did they have any input on the making of the movie? — R.V.**

**A:** According to USA Today, the Gucci family hasn't been involved in the Gucci fashion house since 1993, when Maurizio "sold his remaining stake to the Bahrain-based company Investcorp" and was later bought by the French group Kering. In the movie "House of Gucci," Lady Gaga plays Patrizia Reggiani, who hired a hitman to murder her husband, Maurizio Gucci, played by Adam Driver. The Gucci family issued a statement recently saying that the film is "anything but accurate" and that they were not consulted at all before or during production. Director Ridley Scott defended his film, stating that he tried to be "as respectful as possible by being as factual as possible."

The reviews have been mixed, with audiences enjoying the film more than critics, but both groups seem to agree that Lady Gaga's performance will likely result in another Oscar nomination for



Lady GaGa in "House of Gucci"

Photo Credit: MGM

the talented singer/actress.

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**Q: Who was the little girl who played Annie in the recent live musical? She was incredible. Was she a new discovery? — E.E.**

**A:** Celina Smith earned the title role in NBC's "Annie Live!" through a nationwide search, but it wasn't her first professional acting role. At only 12 years old, she's already played a Young Nala in a national touring production of "The Lion King" and has been a regular on the Nickelodeon sitcom "Young Dylan." "Annie Live!" aired Dec. 2 on NBC and starred crooner Harry Connick Jr. as Daddy Warbucks, Taraji P. Henson ("Empire") as Miss Hannigan and Tituss Burgess ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt") as Rooster.

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# Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                        |       |                |       |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Of late             | — C — | Confess        | — P — |
| 2. Sing like Bing      | — N — | Petty thief    | — K — |
| 3. Mrs. Reagan         | — C — | Live-in sitter | — N — |
| 4. Australia's largest | — Y — | Actor Poitier  | — I — |
| 5. Potato chip sound   | — N — | Walking aid    | — T — |
| 6. Twirler's stick     | — T — | Breakfast meat | — C — |
| 7. Welcome             | — T — | Inexperienced  | — N — |
| 8. Gesture             | M —   | Idea           | N —   |
| 9. Poe's bird          | — N — | Tangle         | — L — |
| 10. Blaze              | — M — | Snow segment   | — K — |

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

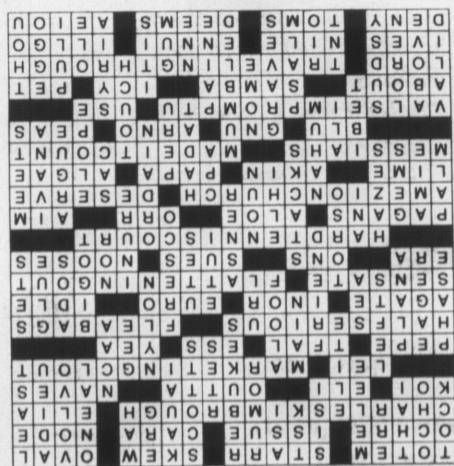
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Super Crossword

Answers

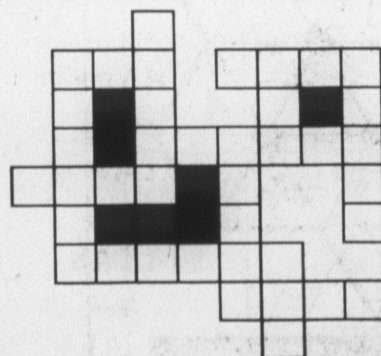


# Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Recent, Repeat | 6. Baton, Baton   |
| 2. Croon, Crook   | 7. Greet, Green   |
| 3. Nancy, Nanny   | 8. Motion, Motion |
| 4. Sydney, Sidney | 9. Raven, Ravel   |
| 5. Crunch, Crunch | 10. Flame, Flake  |

# FEAR KNOT

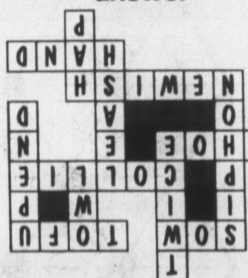
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♥EHLA  
FOUT  
LICELO  
WSO  
DHNA  
PEDUN  
♥WLO  
♥HEWSIN  
TICEW  
♥OSHE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

# FEAR KNOT

answer



# Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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## Amber Waves



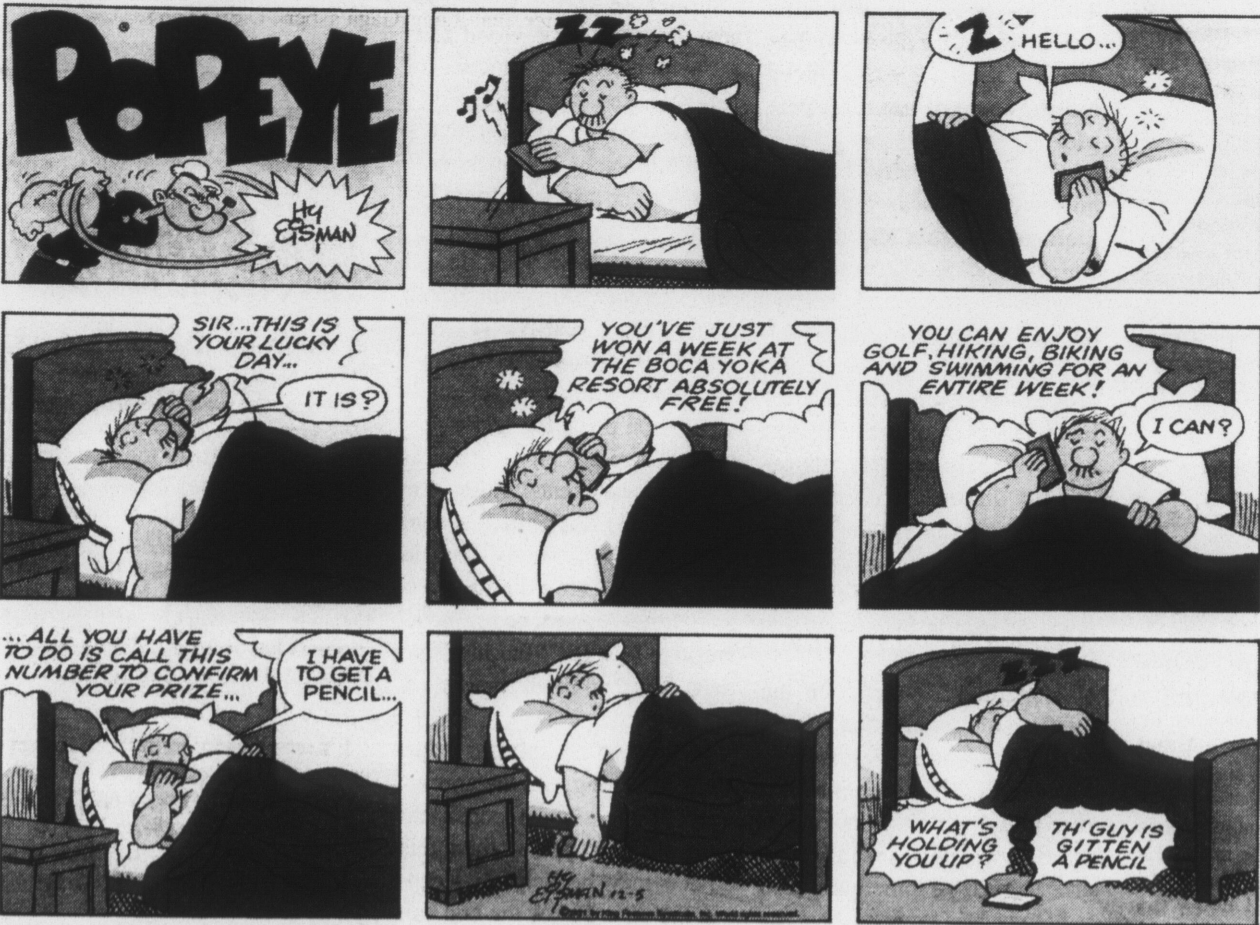
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Acute  
**HARPS**

Charm  
**ELAPSE**

Salad  
**LEAK**

Rude  
**SCARS**

TODAY'S WORD



"He must be considering marriage — he's started taking me to restaurants."

## Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2
5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

1	1	4	3	5	1
1	2	2	6	4	4
2	5	3	6	6	1
6	1	5	2	3	5
4	6	3	4	2	5
3	4	2	5	1	5

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**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My sister-in-law insists on bringing her yappy, ill-tempered lap dog, "Mitsi," to our house every Christmas through New Year's. Mitsi gets along with no one but her owner, frightens our two cats and barks at everyone in the house during dinner, nonstop. I love having my brother and his wife over, but Mitsi is making things hellish. How can I politely ask her to leave Mitsi in a kennel during visits? — *Barked Out in Birmingham*

**DEAR BARKED OUT:** I don't know that there's a way to tell your sister-in-law to leave her dog at home that would be taken well. Mitsi clearly is a full member of their family and travels with her.

Can a compromise be reached instead? Ask her if Mitsi can be placed in a

separate room during meal-times while they are visiting. She'll probably still bark, but at least it won't be right in your ear.

You also need to discuss how Mitsi is stressing out the cats. Sometimes people think it's funny when a visiting dog chases the family pets around, but it's not fun for those pets. It's like having a schoolyard bully walk right into your home. Try to keep the discussion civil. Ultimately, you'll have to decide what level of compromise to ask for in order to keep peace in your house, and you'll have to be firm. Your sister-in-law takes her relationship with her dog seriously; she should respect your concerns as well. That discussion probably won't be comfortable, but if Mitsi's barking and bullying are making the holidays a living hell, you need to speak up.

Send your tips, comments and questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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## TOP VIDEO RENTALS AND SALES

**TOP TEN VIDEO, DVD for release week of December 13, 2021**

### Video On Demand

1. Jungle Cruise (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson
2. Free Guy (PG-13) Ryan Reynolds
3. Spencer (R) Kristen Stewart
4. Stillwater (R) Matt Damon
5. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas\* (PG) Jim Carrey
6. Respect (PG-13) Jennifer Hudson
7. Dangerous (R) Scott Eastwood
8. Home Alone\* (PG) Macaulay Culkin
9. Old (PG-13) Gael Garcia Bernal

10. Candyman (R) Yahya Abdul-Mateen II

### DVD, Blu-ray Sales

1. F9: The Fast Saga (PG-13) Universal
2. Jungle Cruise (PG-13) Disney
3. The Grinch\* (PG) Universal
4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas\* (PG) Universal
5. Elf\* (PG) Warner
6. PAW Patrol: The Movie (G) Paramount
7. Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13) Warner
8. A Charlie Brown Christmas\* (TV-G) Warner
9. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13) Warner
10. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation\* (PG-13) Warner

\*Re-release

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## Hitori

answer

5	4	2	5	1	5
5	2	4	3	9	4
5	3	2	5	1	9
1	9	6	3	5	2
4	4	9	2	2	1
5	1	4	3	5	1

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

**CHEAP**

Today's Word

3. Kale; 4. Crass

1. Sharp 2. Please



# MORE FUN



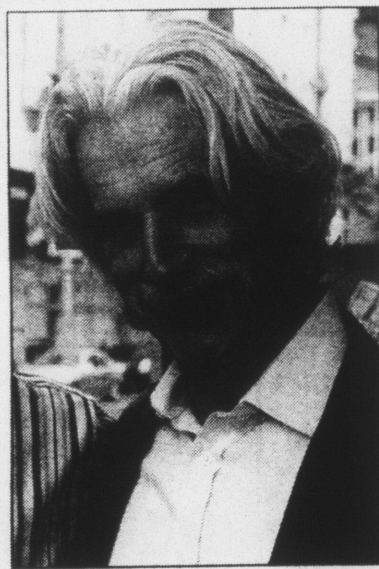
**1883** — Sam Elliott's glorious mustache needed a new project, so it was cast in this prequel to the wildly popular "Yellowstone" series. A Paramount+ Original series, "1883" is the story of the Dutton family's own attempt at manifest destiny as they traverse the Great Plains with hopes of a better life in Montana. The road west was a journey of adventure and wonder, and of danger, death and despair. With its grand, expansive scenery and movie-quality score, this show has a real "Dances With Wolves" feel. The main cast also includes Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Billy Bob Thornton and Isabel May. (Paramount+)

**Selling Tampa** — Of all the cities in all the land, it is perplexing why the spinoff to the popular "Selling Sunset" series features The Lightning Capital of the World, the city with more strip clubs per capita than Publix supermarkets, the city with Florida's worst beaches ... Tampa. Surely other contenders for the franchise offered more stunning vistas with loftier price tags. But what this Southern cast does offer is an all-female, all-Black real-estate agency, which is a nice change from the plastic blond bombshells lorded over by male owners of the LA cast. The eight episodes drop Dec. 15. (Netflix)

**Ron's Gone Wrong** (PG) — Kids in the 1980s fantasized that their Teddy Ruxpin bear could actually come alive and be a real friend. Disney has modernized this fantasy with an animated story about B-Bots, which are cute, tic-tac-shaped, digitally connected best friends for kids. All the cool kids have one, so main character Barney begs his dad for a B-Bot of his own. But something is amiss with his bot, Ron (voiced by Zach Galifianakis), who doesn't quite behave like the other bots. A series of hilarious personality malfunctions proves he requires very literal instruction on

everything from proper language to personal safety. Amid the cute mishaps and hijinks is an underlying message about social media dependence and the danger of toxic relationships. (Disney+)

**Finding Magic Mike** — A bunch of guys from across America who have lost their personal magic converge to learn the enchanting moves of Las Vegas's hottest stage show. In other words, dudes with dad bods want to be strippers. This competition reality show from executive producer Channing Tatum attempts to find a "real" Magic Mike, who will earn a wad of cash along with that title. (HBOMax)



Sam Elliott

**My Dream Kitchen: Giada DeLaurentis** and "My Dream Kitchen: Carla Hall" — Two separate episodes drop Dec. 18, combining a healthy portion of house renovation with a pinch of cooking talk. The two celebrity chefs each tackle constructing their dream kitchens in their personal homes, DeLaurentis in her LA-area mid-century house, and Hall in her longtime D.C. home that she shares with her husband (though they don't share the same kitchen vision). As per usual, unexpected delays and supply-chain snafus snarl each project, but the big reveals make everything worth the effort. (Discovery+)

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## Contract Bridge

### FAMOUS HAND

North dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ K 4		♦ 10 8 6 3	
♥ 8 5 3 2		♥ J 10 9	
♦ Q 8 6		♦ K 9	
♠ A J 7 3		♠ K Q 5 4	
WEST		SOUTH	
♦ 2		♦ A Q J 7 5	
♥ 7 6 4		♥ A K Q	
♦ J 10 7 5		♦ A 4 3 2	
♠ 10 9 8 6 2		♠ —	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass(!)	Pass		

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

This extraordinary deal occurred in a match between Argentina and Italy in the 1963 world team championship. It was played on Bridge-O-Rama before a huge and enthusiastic audience.

Marcos Santamarina and Luis Attaguile were North-South for Argentina when the sequence shown took place. North's pass of six hearts, an obvious cuebid, was astounding, to say the least. Spades had previously been agreed upon as trump, and

South's diamond and heart bids merely showed first-round control of those suits. The heart cuebid might have been based on A-x, or even a void!

Perhaps North was so deeply engrossed in trying to decide whether or not to bid seven spades that he did not realize, when he passed, that South's last bid had been six hearts, not six spades.

Whatever the reason, Santamarina's pass was surely one of the most serendipitous bids ever made in a world championship event. And when the missing trumps divided 3-3, Attaguile had no difficulty scoring 12 tricks, collecting four hearts, six spades and the two side aces. Six spades almost surely would have failed with normal play, as evidenced by what happened when Italy later played the hand in that contract.

Against six spades, the Argentine West also led a club. Declarer took the ace, discarding a diamond, drew trump, cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, then played the ace and a low diamond.

South could have made the slam by playing the diamond eight from dummy, but there was no way he could know that East had the king and that it was now singleton. After playing the queen and losing it to the king, declarer later lost another diamond trick to go down one, giving Argentina a 1,030-point pickup.

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by Steve Becker

## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

XIBU JT SFE, XIJUD BOE

CMVF BU DISJTUNBT?

B TBE DBOEZ DBOF.

## Comfort foods

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### Amaretto Macaroon Cheesecake

If you're hosting Christmas at your home this year, here's a very special, yet very festive and traditional recipe. Happy Healthy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

- 2 (8-ounce) packages fat-free cream cheese
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 1 (6-ounce) purchased short bread piecrust
- 1/4 cup flaked coconut
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds

1. In a large bowl, stir cream cheese with a spoon until soft. Add dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping, almond extract and coconut extract. Spread mixture into piecrust.

2. In a small skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, lightly toast coconut and almonds over medium heat. Sprinkle mixture evenly over top of filling. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 223 calories, 7g fat, 12g protein, 28g carb., 572mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1 Fat.

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- Who first released "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," and when?
- Name the group that had a hit with "Ms. Grace."
- How many Billy Joe Royal songs topped the charts in the U.S.?
- Belinda Carlisle was the lead singer for which band?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Cause I have wandered through this world, And as each moment has unfurled, I've been waiting to awaken from these dreams."

### Answers

- Karen Chandler, in 1952. However, it was Mel Carter's 1965 cover that topped the charts, spending 15 weeks on the Billboard Hot 100.
- The Tymes, in 1975. The song was a hit in the U.K. while not getting much notice in the U.S. — until it was discovered by Carolina beach shag dancers and became a popular staple.
- None. "Down in the Boondocks," however, reached No. 1 in Canada.
- The Go-Go's, the only female group to write their own material and play their own instruments.
- "Doctor, My Eyes," by Jackson Browne in 1972. The song was written with a third verse that wasn't recorded but can be found on bootleg copies of the demo.

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## Puzzles4Kids Answer

A sad candy cane.  
blue at Christmas?  
What is red, white and

thin skin on my arms and lower legs due to aging, sun damage and blood thinner (warfarin). My skin is constantly bruised and unattractive. Is there a body lotion you can recommend to help reduce the impact of trauma to my skin? The slightest "thump" leaves its trace. I'm very active, so I always look as if I've been in a wrestling match and lost! -- J.M.A.

**ANSWER:** Easy bruising is a common problem with many potential causes. Warfarin, which prevents the body from making some blood clotting proteins, is certainly a cause, but many older adults have this problem. Occasionally it can be a serious issue, so it is worth a discussion with your doctor, who may get some blood tests to help eliminate concern of leukemia and von Willebrand's disease, among other diagnoses. Fortunately, it's much more common for problems to be benign.

As people age, they do get drier, thinner skin, which can bruise more easily. If your bruises are found most often on the tops of your forearms, that's a common place for senile purpura. "Senile," in a medical context, just means older. The term "senile dementia," a non-specific term formerly used to mean Alzheimer's disease, was sometimes shortened incorrectly to "senile." "Purpura" are dark, purple/brown marks on the skin.

If there is no specific cause for the bruising, and the appearance of the skin is consistent with senile purpura, then this advice may be helpful: Keeping the skin out of the sun can prevent future damage. Regular moisturizers can help with dry skin. An oral supplement of bioflavonoids was successful in one study. For more severe cases, some dermatologists use topical vitamin A derivatives to combat the skin atrophy (these are by prescription).

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**Dr. Roach** regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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### Dumping Syndrome and Obesity

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** A friend was given a test to see how long food stayed in her stomach after eating. She was told that it stayed only a short time before continuing its journey, a much shorter time than the average person. This was given as a reason for her obesity, that she experienced hunger sooner than most people.

Does this really happen, and is there a way for her to manage it so that she can lose weight? -- G.J.

**ANSWER:** A gastric emptying study is usually used to look for delayed gastric emptying, also called gastroparesis. It can be the result of several different types of nerve diseases, but especially diabetes. An abnormally rapid gastric emptying is also called dumping syndrome, and is often a problem after some types of gastric bypass surgeries.

I did find a paper from the 1980s suggesting that obese people have shorter gastric emptying times. This was confirmed in a trial from 2015 looking at the diabetes drug exenatide (Byetta), which is sometimes used to help people lose weight, even if they do not have diabetes. Interestingly, exenatide was more likely to cause people to lose weight if they had faster gastric emptying times.

I do not mean to suggest that fast gastric emptying is the only reason for your friend's (or anyone else's) weight problems. Obesity is a complex problem with no single cause or solution in most people. I am glad you wrote. I did not know about this research before, and it may be worth it for your friend to discuss a trial of exenatide with her doctor.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have

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Amen.  
Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail. E.K.

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## PERSONAL

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# Before It Was A Christmas Tree . . . .

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GARY HANSEN (right) looks on as workers prepare to remove a 35-foot Green Spruce from his yard on Hamilton Avenue. The tree is now decorated and gracing Generals Park for the holidays.

BEFORE IT BECAME a decorated Christmas Tree at Generals Park, this Green Spruce tree was located in the yard of Brenda and Gary Hansen who live at 172 Hamilton Ave. Removing the 35-foot, 75-year-old, 4,000-pound tree was a joint venture by the Quincy Park Department, Bogan Tree Company and Schlager Auto Body. Mark Bogan of Bogan Tree recommended the tree to Mayor Thomas Koch and now the tree stands like a festive holiday beacon at the Generals Park near Mayor Walter J. Hannon Parkway. The tree features yellow ribbons which are dedicated to military servicemen and women. "We are very proud to be part of such a commemorative event in our city," said Brenda Hansen who along with her husband Gary attended the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 5. Those photos appear on page 35. The Hansens have lived in Quincy for 53 years.

*Photos on this page and Page 35 courtesy of Brenda and Gary Hansen*



TREE IS MID-AIR courtesy of a large crane.



GREEN SPRUCE being removed from yard on Hamilton Avenue (above) and then transported to Generals Park via truck (below).



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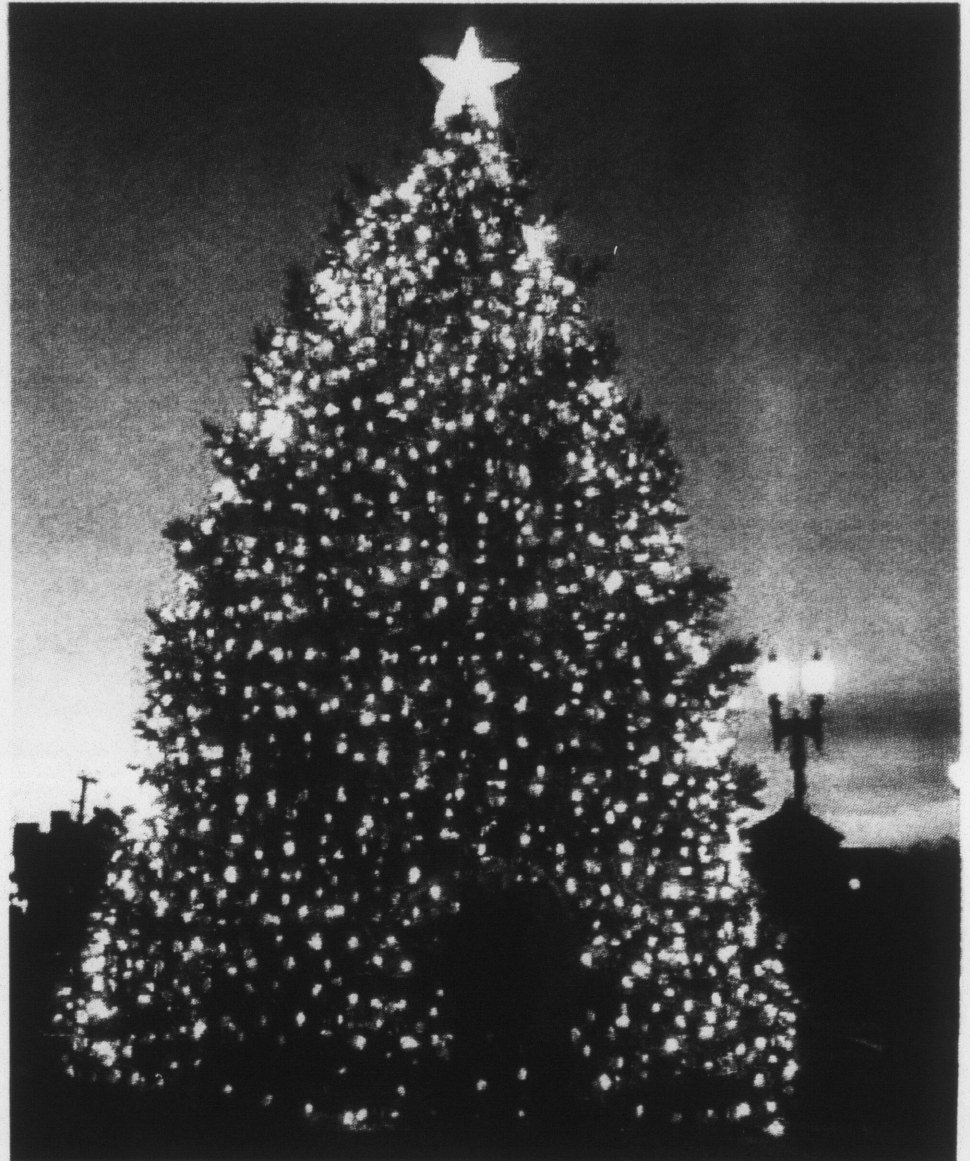


# Tree Salutes Service Personnel At Generals Park

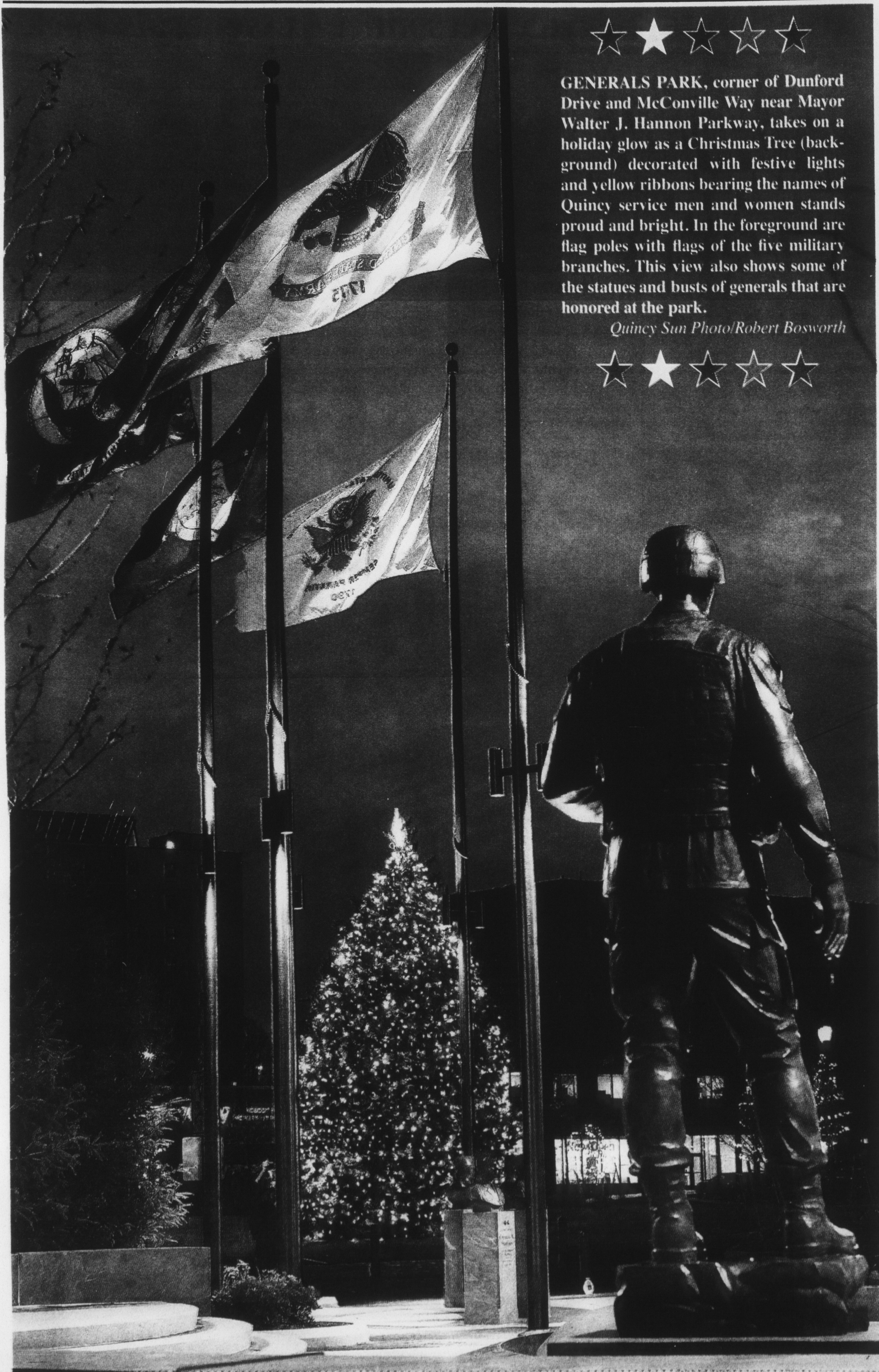


CHRISTMAS TREE at Generals Park, corner of Dunford Drive and McConville Way - near Walter J. Hannon Parkway - was illuminated at a tree lighting ceremony Dec. 5. Mayor Thomas Koch and the City of Quincy invited families of currently serving service men and women from Quincy to fill out a yellow ribbon on the evening of the event with the service person's name. The tree is now decorated with each of those ribbons. The tree was donated by Brenda and Gary Hansen of Hamilton Avenue. Here they are joined by the mayor at the ceremony. At right: The Hansens in front of the illuminated tree.

*Photos Courtesy Brenda and Gary Hansen*







**GENERALS PARK**, corner of Dunford Drive and McConville Way near Mayor Walter J. Hannon Parkway, takes on a holiday glow as a Christmas Tree (background) decorated with festive lights and yellow ribbons bearing the names of Quincy service men and women stands proud and bright. In the foreground are flag poles with flags of the five military branches. This view also shows some of the statues and busts of generals that are honored at the park.

*Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*



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